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THERAPEUTIC MASTOIDOCENTESIS IN PSEUDOMONAS-MASTOIDITIS

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Pseudomonas pyocyanea is a malevolent bacteria. Secondary infection of cute otitis with this agent can cause mast iditis. It i shown that local instillation of colistin is efficacious in the treatment of such cases, and seems to be specially valuable because of the risk of further spread of this inflammation during operation without proper control of the pseudom nas infection. Two cases f cute mastoiditis caused by *Ps pyocyanea* were successfully treated with mastoidocentesis, i.e. puncture of the mast id process and with repeated local deposition of highly concentrated colistin solution. The patients made a rapid recovery and no side effects were noticed during treatment at follow-ups 6 and 12 months later Mastoidocentesi and deposition of appropriate antibiotics may also be used i ther middle ea diseases, and in selected cases it may pro ide a useful lternative to mast idectomy

Pseud monas pyocyanea (*Pseudomonas aeruginosa*) is a gram-negative bacillus of low pathogenicity but long known to cause a number of serious complicating infections of the urinary tract, of the eye, ear and of burns, *for example*. This micro-organism is rarely found in normal auditory canals, but it can be cultured in 70–75% of all cases of external otitis. The bacillus is then believed to be a secondary invader (Perry 195 Senturia, 10 7) *Pseudomonas pyocyanea* is rarely the primary causal agent f acute otitis media (Rudberg, 1954 Grönroos *et al* 1964) but it is often demon trable in discharge obtained a few days after onset, especially in children (P pp & haszás, 1960) According to Glauzmann (1950) and Paul & Marget (1903) pseudomonasotitis is not uncommon in infants but then often secondary to other infectious foci.

All inflammati ns caused by *Ps pyocyanea* are attended by the obstinate production of typical green pus, and in acute otitis media the pseudomonas infection may progress to uncomplicated or complicated mastoiditis Paul & Marget suggest that mastoidectomy alone can increase the risk of intracranial complicati ns and *therefore* recommend specific antibiotic therapy preoperatively in such cases.

In vitro *P pyocyanea* is susceptible to several antibiotics (e g streptomycin, polymyxin B, neomycin and kanamycin) which, with but one xception, carry risk of seriou side effects. The exception is colistin This

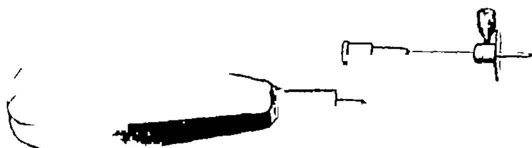


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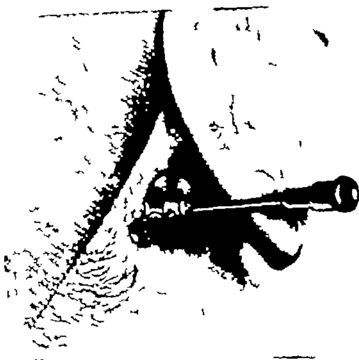


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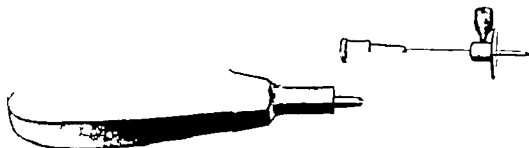


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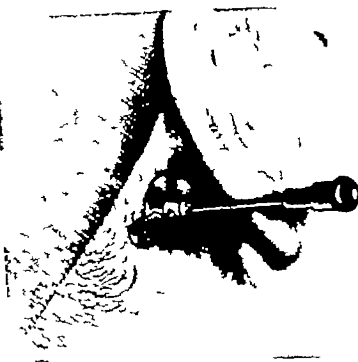


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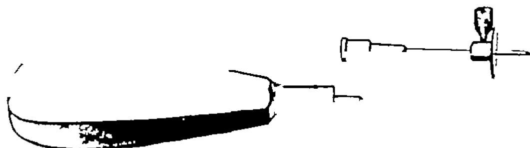


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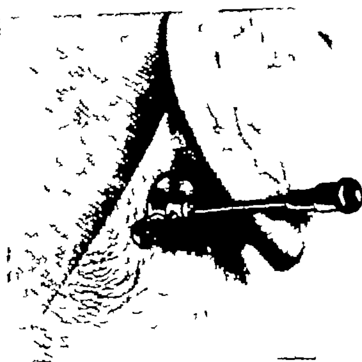


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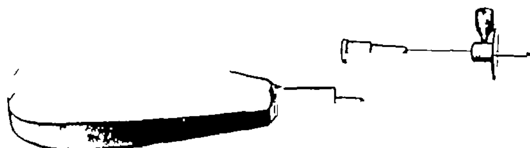


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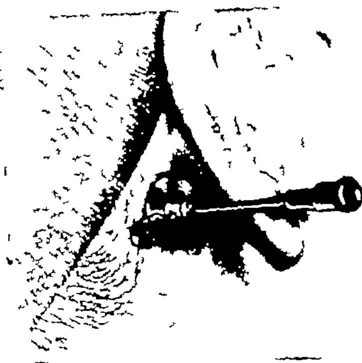


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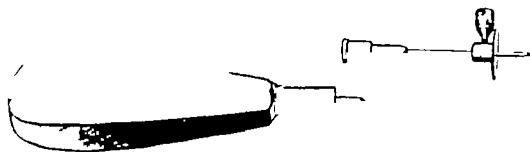


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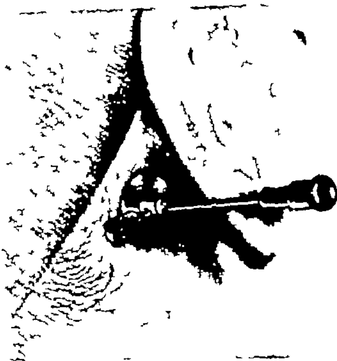


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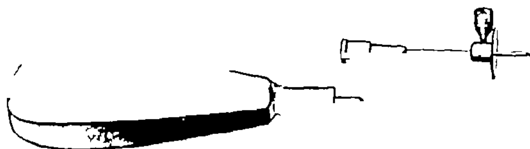


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	to left	1st, l	20, sm	45, sm
12th day of training	to right	1st, m	18, l	44, m
	to left	1st, m	16, l	41 m
20th day of training	to right	1st→3rd, m	16, m	45, l
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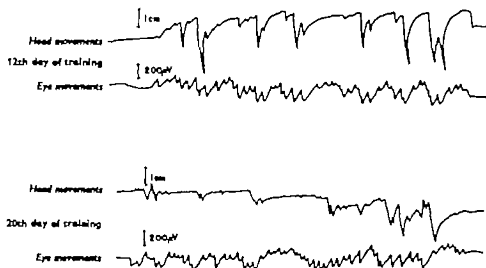


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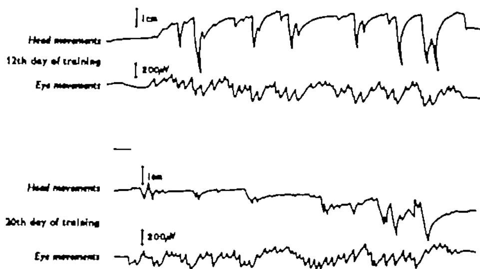


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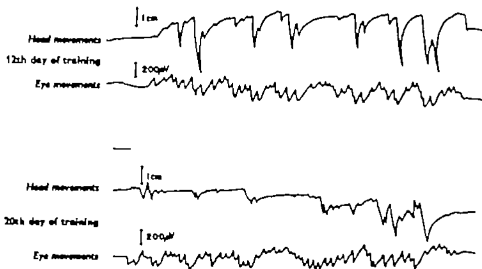


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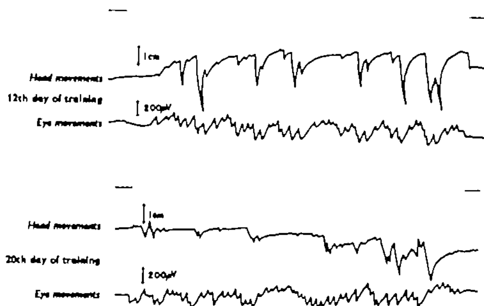


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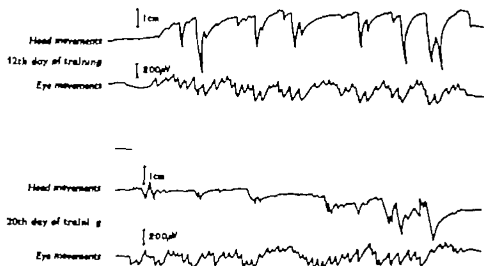


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Course of training	Direction of cylinder rotation	Head position degree of deviation	Head nystagmus, frequency amplitude	Eye nystagmus, frequency amplitude
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6th day of training	to right	1st l	4 sm	33 sm
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COMMENT

The essential parts of the results of our experiments are as follows

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(ii) When optic stimulation was applied daily to the animal deviation *of the head in the direction of cylinder rotation became gradually manifest* The head nystagmus increased its amplitude and in most cases its frequency too In parallel with this, the eye nystagmus also increased its amplitude and frequency These findings suggest that the optic head nystagmus has a function to activate the occurrence of the optic eye nystagmus thus causing improvement of adaptability of the optic organ to optic stimulation

(iii) However when optic training was continued further deviation of the head in the direction of cylinder rotation gradually lessened and the head approached median position Furthermore in the majority of the experimental cases, it was found that the head of the animal came to deviate in the direction opposite to cylinder rotation thus taking up the head position suggestive of counteracting the flow of the black lines of the optic cylinder The head nystagmus at that time was of rather small amplitude and in most cases its frequency was reduced However the eye nystagmus appeared markedly There were some animals which did not clearly show the above described stages of development of adaptability

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The fact that daily application of a certain amount of optic stimuli to animals or optic training can induce modifications of the optic spinal reflexes in animals, was already reported by Fukuda & Hinoki (1957) According to them an untrained chicken was apt to lose its body equilibrium when optic stimulation was applied by means of rotation of an optic cylinder like the present one when optic stimulation was applied to a chicken, its head and neck deviated in the direction of cylinder rotation, followed by deviation of its trunk in the same direction. When stimulation was continued further the chicken was hardly able to maintain its standing posture and fell down in the direction of cylinder rotation. Thus marked ataxia of optic origin was noted to appear However when the same chicken was trained by daily application of a certain amount of optic stimuli, it gradually came hardly to show any ataxia and also to respond well to optic stimulation with brisk optic head nystagmus

Furthermore, it is worthy of note that with further progress of the training, the chicken's head and neck (in some cases even trunk) deviated in the direction opposite to cylinder rotation, taking up the posture suggestive of counteracting the flow of the black lines of the optic cylinder At this stage of the training, no ataxia of optic origin was produced by optic stimulation, not even by optic stimulation of fairly long continuation.

In addition to the investigation mentioned above Fukuda, Hinoki Tokita & Oku reported that when the same optic stimulation was applied daily to animals (rabbits and guinea pigs) the animals came to show a marked occurrence of the optic eye nystagmus and to be capable of responding to intense optic stimulation, to which they had previously been unable to respond well (Fukuda, Hinoki, Tokita & Oku, 1957) Fukuda named this phenomenon "the response increase in the optic eye nystagmus" as previously mentioned Naturally we can safely say that this phenomenon is just contrary to the response decline of the postrotatory and the caloric nystagmus, which has been discussed by many investigators (Dodge 1923 Hoshino & Fukuda, 1954 Aschan, 1954 Hood & Pfaltz, 1954 Fukuda, Hinoki & Tokita, 1958 Crampton, 1961 Fluur & Mendel, 1962)

In view of these facts, we cannot but conclude from the standpoint of body equilibrium that the optic eye nystagmus is quite different in nature from the postrotatory and the caloric nystagmus. The results of our investigations are well compatible with the findings of Fukuda and his collaborators. In the experiments by these investigators, however the head and the eye movement caused by optic stimulation were observed separately and they estimated the equilibrium function of the optic organ on the basis of either one of these two movements. However the body movements and the eye movements are considered to cooperate with each

other in maintaining body equilibrium of human subjects and animals. Therefore it has been hoped that the two kinds of movements should be recorded simultaneously and they should be studied together so that the changes in the optic reflexes induced by optic training can be studied more precisely We believe that our present investigation could have met this expectation fairly well

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A COMPARISON OF NYSTAGMUS HABITUATION IN THE CAT AND THE DOG

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Dogs demonstrat declines in vestibular nystagmus as a function of repeated angular accelerations. The declines are relatively specific to a practiced direction of response and only partial recovery occurs after one week of rest. The nystagmus modifications found in dogs are of the same ge eral nat re and of the same relative magnitude those e hibited by cats similarly stimulated. Dogs, however appear to show more voluntary eye mo ement during test proced res than do cats.

A response decline (habituation) of nystagmic eye mov ments resulting from repeated vestibular stimulation in the laboratory has been reported for a number of infra-human species Thus birds (e.g King, 1926 Fukuda, Hinoki & Tokita, 1958) white rats (Griffith, 1920) rabbits (e.g Hood & Pfaltz, 1954) and cats (e.g Crampton, 1962 Collins, 1964) all demonstrate a decline in vestibulo-ocular activity during a series of rotatory stimulations The present paper seeks to extend knowledge of the effects of repeated vestibular stimulation to the canine species and to compare results from the dog with those of the cat (The experiments reported herein were conducted according to the Principles of Laboratory Animal Care" established by the National Society for Medical R search)

METHOD

Apparatus

The Huffman Rotation Device (Collins & Huffman, 1964) was used to produce angular accelerations. The device was located in a light proof room and was equipped with a pair of tiers so that three animals could be rotated at the same time with the heads of ea h located at the center of rotation (see Fig 1)

Restraint

Restraint was effected by the method of Henriksson, Fernández & Kohut (1961) and in the manner noted elsewhere (Collins, 1964) For testing, eac animal was wrapped in a towel and placed in a restraint box. Since the same boxes were used for both dogs and cats, only small, terrier type dogs were used.

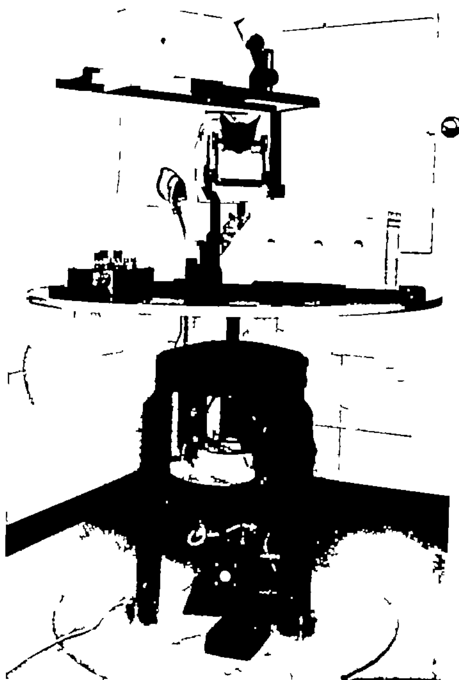


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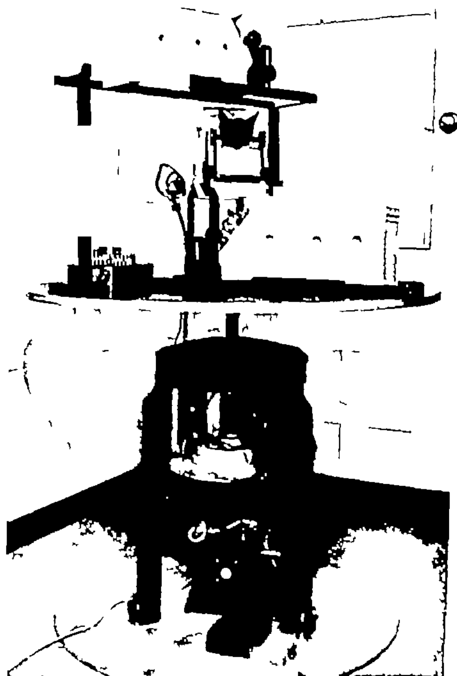


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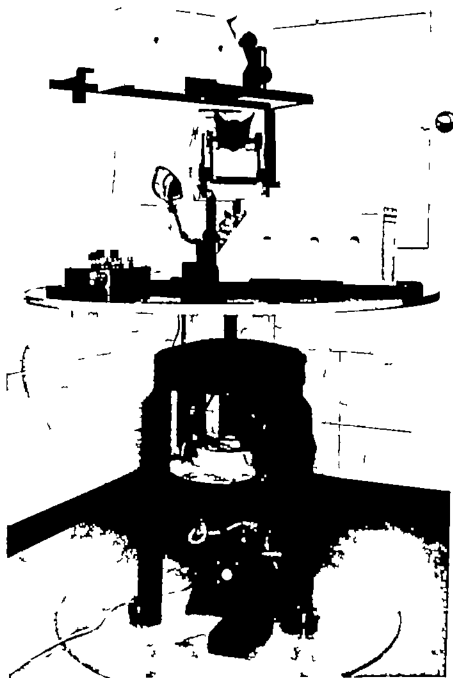


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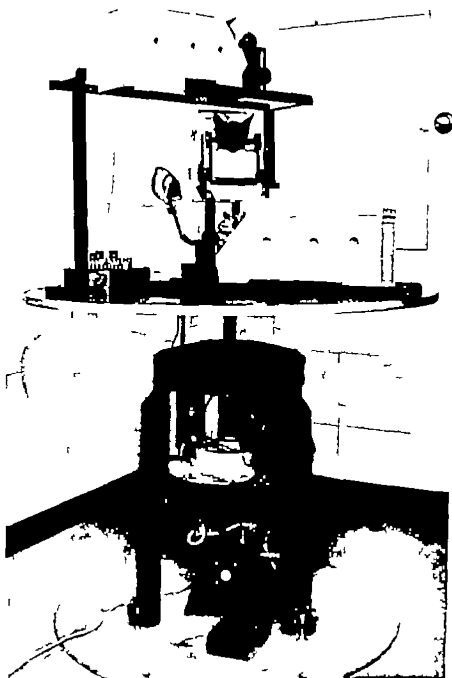


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RESUME

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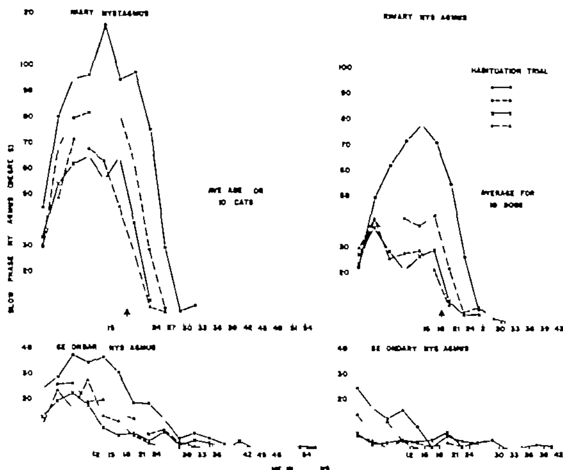


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animals a fairly steady trial to-trial decline occurred in the practiced direction for the 3 response measures, with duration of nystagmus showing the shallowest slope The percentage of response decline for each measure was quite similar for the two groups Thus, for the dogs, duration declined 33 1% number of nystagmic beats 55% and slow phase nystagmus 77.2% for the cats response declines for these same measures were 32 0% 55 1% and 68 7% respectively

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Fig. 1 Constricted esophag and the retrosternal colon transplant I case I

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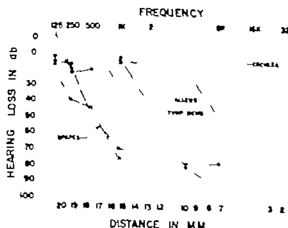


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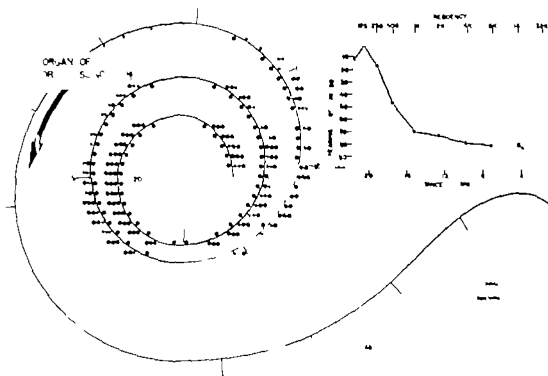


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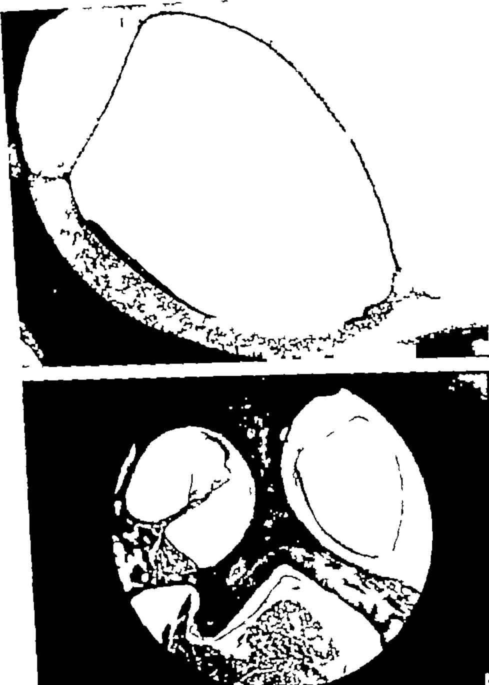


Fig. 3 (Normal monkey saccule for comparison. (*b*) The saccular wall defect which was made i this imal did ot he l. There is degeneration of the otolithic membrane of the macula which otherwise ppears norm l ( ) There is complete bsence of the ot lithic membrane nd degeneration of the neuroepithelium f the macula. The defect i the saccular w ll ha healed. (*d*) Thi show the saccula lesion nd the normal orga of Corti of the adjacent basal t rn i the same monkey 3 The rest of the cochlea was entirely normal


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In the monkey as in man the saccule is more susceptible to direct traumatic lesions than the utricle which is more superiorly located and *partially protected by the horizontal portion of the facial nerve* We produced saccular lesions during stapedectomy in seven squirrel monkey ears In two other squirrel monkey ears a saccular lesion was attempted through an intact footplate These monkeys were from a larger group in which stapedectomy was combined with experimental tympanoplasty (Paparella in press) Saccular lesions were also made in two cats through a stapedectomy approach

METHOD

In each case the animal was anesthetized with intraperitoneal sodium pentobarbitol and the stapes exposed using a trans canal approach after elevating a tympano meatal flap A posterior superior auricular approach was used for the cat The stapes bone was usually removed atraumatically in one piece The macula of the saccule was easily *identified and a straight* needle was used to disrupt the macula The oval windows in these ears were not enlarged by drilling Either gel foam or autogenous adipose tissue was *used as the oval window graft*

RESULTS

These animals had an unremarkably post-operative recovery the same as animals having stapedectomy alone and showed no significant vestibular findings

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In another monkey ear from a separate study the stapes was pushed into the vestibule and a silastic graft positioned above this (Paparella & Saunders) In this ear the entire stapes is seen within the vestibule pushing upon the saccular and utricular wall There is only a mild disturbance of the statoconia of the saccule and the cochlea is entirely normal (Fig 5)

Although all forms of trauma during stapes surgery are to be avoided it would appear that indirect trauma through an intact footplate may more likely produce acoustic trauma lesions of the basal turn of the cochlea than inadvertent direct trauma to the saccule This observation has also been made clinically (Lewis 1961)

Lawrence, Wolsk & McCabe (1961) and Schuknecht (1953) have shown that direct cochlear mechanical lesions may be made with the resulting pathology being restricted to the site of injury Adjacent areas of the cochlea were found to be normal histologically and functionally It should therefore not be surprising that damage to the otolithic organs might likewise result in normal cochlear findings. Of course vestibular symptoms due to disturbance of the otolithic organs may occur

There are many other factors which together with trauma may produce sensorineural deafness after stapedectomy such as toxicity infection, and hypersensitivity It would seem that the effects of trauma in producing cochlear deafness should be observed soon after stapedectomy This does not account for the delayed severe sensorineural deafness which may sometimes follow an uncomplicated stapedectomy procedure

ZUSAMMENFASSUNG

Stapedektomie spielt zweifellos eine wichtige Rolle in der Verursachung von Nervenschwerhörigkeit Trauma bei Stapedektomie kann auf zwei Arten erfolgen Auf indirektem Wege durch die Stimulation der intakten Gehörknöchelchenbrücke oder auf direktem Wege durch Störung des vestibularen Inhalts. Um das direkte Trauma beurteilen zu können wurde die Gehörknöchelchenkette von Versuchskatzen stimuliert und das Resultat war eine akustische Traumalasion in der basalen Schneckenwindung Direktes Trauma wurde beurteilt indem durch das ovale Fenster Läsionen im Sacculus von Affen und Katzen erzeugt wurden. Hier waren die cochlearen Befunde normal Die Ergebnisse zeigen dass akustisches Trauma wahrscheinlich mehr durch eine massive Volumenverdrängung von Perilymphe unterhalb einer intakten Fussplatte erzeugt wird Dieses erklärt

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In performing stapedectomy surgery in humans rarely a fragment of the stapes may drop into the vestibule or even more rarely the tip of a hook used in removing the footplate may inadvertently break off and fall into the inner ear Although this technical complication is totally preventable and should never occur the patient may recover uneventfully and have an excellent hearing result post-operatively in spite of a foreign body present within the inner ear and great consternation on the part of the otologist

In another monkey ear from a separate study the stapes was pushed into the vestibule and a silastic graft positioned above this (Paparella & Saunders) In this ear the entire stapes is seen within the vestibule pushing upon the saccular and utricular wall There is only a mild disturbance of the statoconia of the saccule and the cochlea is entirely normal (Fig 5)

Although all forms of trauma during stapes surgery are to be avoided it would appear that indirect trauma through an intact footplate may more likely produce acoustic trauma lesions of the basal turn of the cochlea than inadvertent direct trauma to the saccule This observation has also been made clinically (Lewis, 1961)

Lawrence Wolsk & McCabe (1961) and Schuknecht (1953) have shown that direct cochlear mechanical lesions may be made with the resulting pathology being restricted to the site of injury Adjacent areas of the cochlea were found to be normal histologically and functionally It should therefore not be surprising that damage to the otolithic organs might likewise result in normal cochlear findings Of course vestibular symptoms due to disturbance of the otolithic organs may occur

There are many other factors which together with trauma may produce sensorineural deafness after stapedectomy such as toxicity infection, and hypersensitivity It would seem that the effects of trauma in producing cochlear deafness should be observed soon after stapedectomy This does not account for the delayed severe sensorineural deafness which may sometimes follow an uncomplicated stapedectomy procedure

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Stapedektomie spielt zweifellos eine wichtige Rolle in der Verursachung von Nervenschwerhörigkeit Trauma bei Stapedektomie kann auf zwei Arten erfolgen Auf indirektem Wege durch die Stimulation der intakten Gehörknöchelchen brücke oder auf direktem Wege durch Störung des vestibularen Inhalts. Um das direkte Trauma beurteilen zu können wurde die Gehörknöchelchenkette von Versuchskatzen stimuliert und das Resultat war eine akustische Traumalasion in der basalen Schneckenwindung. Direktes Trauma wurde beurteilt indem durch das ovale Fenster Läsionen im Sacculus von Affen und Katzen erzeugt wurden Hier waren die cochlearen Befunde normal Die Ergebnisse zeigen dass aku stisches Trauma wahrscheinlich mehr durch eine massive Volumenverdrängung von Perilymphe unterhalb einer intakten Fussplatte erzeugt wird Dieses erklärt

die gelegentlich schwere cochleare Schwerhörigkeit, die sofort einer Staped ektomie folgt F erklärt jedoch nicht die verspätete Schwerhörigkeit, die einem ursprünglich guten Resultat folgt.

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2	E PLICA ARYEPIGLOT V	T N_1	SQ. CA.
3	FALSE AND TRUE RIGHT VOCAL CORD INVASION OF THE THYRO HYO-EPIGL.REGION	T N_0	SQ. CA
4	VESTIBULAR	T_4 N_2	SQ CA
5	ANTERIOR V PRE-EPIGLOTT REGION	T_3 N_0	B.C. CA
6	GLOTTIC AND UNDER-GLOT EXTENDED TO VENTRICLE	T N_0	SQ CA.
7	GLOSSO LARYNGEAL	T_4 N_2	SQ CA.
8	GLOTTIC	T N_0	SQ. CA
9	V	T_4 N_0	SQ. CA.
10	V	T N_3	SQ. CA
11	M.	T N_1	SQ CA.
12	V	T N_1	BC. CA
13	M PLICA ARYEPIGLOT	T_2 N_0	SQ CA
14	V. GLOTTIC AND UNDER-GLOT 1st TRACHEAL RING	T N_0	SQ. CA.
15	M PRE-EPIGLOT REGION	T N_0	SQ CA.
16	V	T N_0	SQ CA.
17	V SINUS PIRIFORMIS PLICA PHARINGO EPIGLOT	T_4 N_2	SQ CA.
18	M.	T N_0	BC. CA.
19	V. WITH TUNNEL IN THYRO HYO EPIGL.REGION	T_4 N_0	SQ. CA.
20	DEEP VENTRICULAR	T N_0	SQ. CA
21	V	T_4 N_2	SQ CA
22	BASE OF THE TONGUE VALLECULE V	T N	SQ CA.
23	V WITH TUNNEL IN PRE-EPIGLOT SPACE	T_4 N_1	SQ. CA
24	V.	T_4 N	SQ. CA.
25	V THYRO-HYO-EPIGLOT REGION BASE OF THE TONGUE	T_4 N_2	SQ CA.
26	ANT.V ANT GLOTTIS PLICA GLOSSO EPIGLOTTIDEAN BASE OF THE TONGUE	T_4 N_2	SQ CA.
27	V VENTRICLE VOCAL CORD THYRO-HYO EPIGLOT REGION	T_4 N_1	SQ. CA.
28	GLOSSO LARYNGEAL	T N_0	INDIFFERENTIA. CA.
29	V-RELAPSE TO HORIZONTAL UNDER-GLOTTIC LARYNGECTOMY	T_4 N_0	SQ CA.
30	VENTRICLE FALSE CORD V ARYEPIGLOT AND PHARINGOEPIGL.PLICA	T N	INDIFFERENTIA. CA.
31	V PLICA GLOSSOEPIGLOTTIDEAN	T_3 N_0	SQ. CA
32	M.ARYTENOID E	T_3 N_0	SQ CA
33	V-ARYTENOID PLICA ARYEPIGLOT	T_4 N_2	INDIFFERENTIA. CA.

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Section 1

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These are the cases necessitating surgical completion to avoid administering doses over 8500 r

In the conditions for treatment outlined in paragraphs (I) (II) and (III) surgery appears indicated in the following circumstances

(1) O ascertaining the persistence of a tumour (which originally had logi cally been considered within control by radiotherapy alone) after 8–10 weeks from completion of radiotherapy

(2) On detecting relapses. With the above doses, relapses usually appear between the 8th and the 18th month from completion of treatment.

(3) With grave necroti phen mena over infected tumours, which give rise t seri us incidents f chondriti and perichondritis beyo d medical control (tibiotics, vitamins, cysteamine preparations, reparative cicatrizing preparations, horm nal restorers of th stromatic tissue)

After irradiation treatment, when partial surgery is performed uncovering the perichondral plane, the osteo-cartilaginous system of the laryngeal shield loses its apparent resistance to irradiation damage Nec rotic phenomena will then occur with considerable frequency also at a precocious stage If not corrected by prompt total laryngectomy such phenomena are hardly controllable and may lead to gradual tissue devasta tion likely to affect also the large vessels.

Section 1 shows, for each case the tumour location, the stage according to the TNM classification and the histological finding The stage break down is

T 1 nil T 2 3 cases T 3 11 cases T 4 10 cases

Biopsy was performed on all the 33 cases considered and gave the follow ing results

Spinocellular carcinomas 26 cases basocellular carcinomas 4 cases indifferentiated carcinomas 3 cases.

Section 2 gives, for each case the dose administered in function of time, the months of survival from beginning of treatment, the time lapsed from completion of radiotherapy to surgery

Mention was made earlier of the doses applied for irradiation of the larynx through a single anterior field with electron beams, of the pref erable dose fractionation and of the post-irradiation damage

The time span, between completion of radiotherapy and start of surgery of the cases under consideration, ranges from 10 days to 12 months Quite differently from what is observable after conventional Roentgen therapy and after cobalt therapy such wi lely different time spans did not evidence significant differences in operational haemorrhage and in wound cicatriza tion However the time span suggested between completion of radiotherapy and commencement of urgery is 2–3 months, enough to disperse the ac tion f radiotherapy Possible tissue damage arising during such time is always moderate and causes no increase in difficulty of operation

Section 3 di plays, for each case, the type of surgery performed, the presence or absence of neopla tic residues histologically ascertained on

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31	V-PLICA GLOSSOEPIGLOTTIDEAN	$T_4\ N_0$	SQ CA.
32	M ARYTENOID E	$T\ N_0$	SQ CA.
33	V ARYTENOID PLICA ARYEPIGLOT	$T\ N_2$	INDIFFERENTIA CA.

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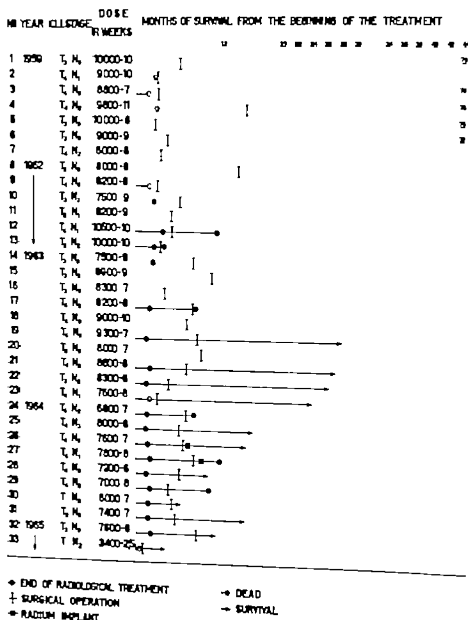
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Section 2

The f llowing wa however observed

The process of tissue reparation failed in on case with which the following radiotherapy had been employed (a) 8200 r with electrons over 76 days on the lary x, (b) 3730 with telecobalt therapy o er 31 days and 2000 r with elec tron in 11 day on the cervical chains. 38 days after surgery the patient de- creased due t carotid haemorrhage brought on by necrosis.

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Section 1

Operational techniques adopted

	Cases
Total laryngectomy	9
Total laryngectomy + neck monolateral dissection	15
Total laryngectomy + neck bilateral dissection	9
Total laryngectomy + partial tracheotomy	1
Total laryngectomy + partial thyroidectomy	2
Total laryngectomy + subglossectomy	4
Total laryngectomy + subglossectomy + neck monolateral dissection	3
Total laryngectomy + subglossectomy + neck bilateral dissection	1
Transverse supraglottic laryngectomy	2
Transverse supraglottic laryngectomy + neck monolateral dissection	2

Section 2

Presence of tumour residues in the piece operated by stage

Stag	Cases	Tumour residues Yes	Tumour residues No
T 2	3	1	2
T 3	11	6	5
T 4	10	12	7

Section 3

Performance of irradiated tissues during and after surgery

(*a*) With *total laryngectomy* the results were mostly favourable

The cutis is easily incisible suture cohesion and cicatrization are normal and obtained also thanks to particular methods aimed at keeping the edges well nourished such as adopting "Z plastic surgery on the neck cutis (following the techniques indicated by Aubry Jos and Chouard) ensuring continuous suction of blood and serum from the zone of operation by means of Redon apparatus, and using a compressive but resilient dressing Tissue haemorrhage is not beyond normal therefore the usual employment of hypotension is unnecessary the muscles never caused concern In four cases, necrosis of one or both of the laminae of the thyroid cartilage though serious, did not prejudice the correct restoration of the cutis and mucoses after surgery

In two cases there appeared a spontaneous pharyngostoma, very limited and caused by precocious necrosis f the tissues.

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(*c*) *Post perational rad therapy* In two cases the treatment had provided irradiation plus surgery consisting of radiotherapy with electrons and ub- sequent surgical intervention. Such composite treatment was subsequently com pleted by implant of radium needles in the tongue base through the pharyngo- stoma 30 and 2o d y after surgery on the respective cases, since histological investigation had revealed the survival of neoplastic ti sue islands in the above zone Of the two cases, one died with a relapse 15 months after the beginning f treatment the other is surviving after 16 months without manifest signs of eoplasia.

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Nr	Stage	Type of surgical operation	Histological tumour rest after radioth	Immed. healing after operat: skin	Immed. healing after operat: mucosa	Late healing after operat	Necrosis	Dead: relapse	Dead: distant metastases	Dead: other causes	Dead: haemorrh. after operat.
1	T_3N_0	TL – ND			+++	+	–				
2	T N	TL ND	+	+	+	+ +				●	
3	T_4N_0	TL – ND.		+	+++	+					
4	T_4N_2	TL – ND.	–		+ +	+					
5	T_3N_0	TL – ND	+	+	+++	+					
6	T_3N_0	TL – ND				+	–				
7	T_4N_0	TL. PARTIAL GLOSSOTOMY BILAT. N.D.	+	+ +	+++	++	–		●		
8	T_3N_1	TL ND.	RELAPSE	+ +	+	+++	–				
9	TN_0	TL. ND.		++	+++	+	a		●		
10	T_3N_3	TSL.		+++	+++	++	+		●		
11	T_2N_1	TL. ND.	–	+	+++	+	–				
12	T_4N_1	TSL	–	– –	–	– –	+			●	
13	TN_1	TSL. ND.		+	+					●	
14	T_3N_0	TL=9 RINGS OF TRACHEA THYROID LOBE				+ +					
15	T_3N_0	TL. BILATERAL N.D	+	–		++	–				
16	T_3N_0	TL	+		+	++	–				
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18	TN_0	TL. PARTIAL GLOSSOTOMY		– –		+	+			●	
19	TN_0	TL. ND PARTIAL GLOSSOTOMY	–	– –	–	– –	b				
20	T_3N_0	TL 3 RINGS OF TRACHEA	–	– –		–				●	
21	T_4N	TSL. TL. AFTER 1 MONTH		++	+++	++	+				
22	T_3N_0	TL ND.	–	+	+	+++					
23	TN_1	TL – ND.	–	+++	++	+++	–				
24	T_4N_3	TL.ND-CAROTIC RES-R.THYROID CON.	–	– –	– – –	–	c				●
25	T_4N_3	TL PART. GLOSSOTOMY PHARINGOSTOMA	+	+ +	+++		–				
26	TN_0	TL PART GLOSSOTOMY PHARINGOSTOMA	+	++	++		–				
27	T_4N_1	T L	–	+++	+	+ +	–	●			
28	TN_0	TL PARTIAL GLOSSOTOMY		–	–	– –					
29	T_4N_3	TL – ND		+ +	+ +		d				●
30	T_4N_3	TL ND.		+++	++	++					
31	T_4N_0	TL.ND-PARTIAL GLOSSOTOMY	+	–	– –	–	+				
32	T_3N_0	TL – ND	+		+++	+++	–				
33	T_4N_2	TL-BILATERAL ND	+	+	+++	+++	–				

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TSL – TRANVERSE SUPRAGLOTTIC LARYNGECTOMY

a BASE OF THE TONGUE, AFTER 4 MONTHS
b SPONTANEOUS PHARYNGOSTOMA
c NECR IMMEDIATE
d SKIN NECR AFTER 6 MONTHS

Section 3

In two cases (respectively one of total laryngectomy with subglottic section and the other of total laryngectomy performed following supraglottic horizontal laryngectomy) limited necrosis of the tissues (cutis and mucosa) setting in 1 and 2 months respectively from intervention of surgery in each case did not prevent the subsequent normal cicatrization of the surgical incision.

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The treatment combining radiotherapy and surgery was applied in the following cases

1 widespread tumours of the larynx and hypopharynx involving the valleculae the tongue base and the pharyngo-epiglottic plicae
2 endolaryngeal tumours incompletely sterilized by radiotherapy
3 widespread tumours of the anterior vestibule with which preliminary electron therapy had been aimed at reducing the neoplasia within the limits for a correct partial supraglottic surgery after radiotherapy
4 tumour relapses after completion of radiotherapy
5 ulcerated and infected tumours, where radiotherapy had induced serious necrosis, chondritis, perichondritis beyond control by medical treatment
6 cases in which a previous partial operation following radiotherapy had induced necrotic phenomena of the laryngeal cartilaginous system in such circumstances timely total laryngectomy was able to correct a condition of serious distress of the oteo-cartilaginous tissues which apparently resist irradiation until surgical intervention or inflammatory processes uncover the perichondral plane

The 33 cases subjected to irradiation plus surgery belonged chiefly to widespread tumour affections classified in the third and mostly in the fourth stage the survivals broken down by stage are 2 out of 3 in stage T 2 9 out of 11 in stage T 3 and 10 out of 19 in stage T 4 A remarkable point is the survival of a few T 3 and T 4 cases over 6 years after the beginning of treatment

Our results with a correct treatment with combined irradiation and surgery in a number of cases—which though comparatively moderate represent the most extensive statistics published to date—are quite gratifying chiefly if we consider the spread of the neoplastic affections

It can thus be stated that in cases where complete success cannot be achieved by radiotherapy with high-energy electrons of the Betatron—in our experience to be considered today as the therapy most indicated for laryngeal and hypopharyngeal tumours, excluding ventricular affections—the combination of radiotherapy and surgery will allow satisfactory results also with remarkably widespread neoplastic affections.

RESUME

Les auteurs ont analysé leurs résultats sur 33 cas de tumeurs du larynx et de l hypopharynx obtenus avec combinaison radiochirurgicale Le traitement radiologique préopératoire a été réalisé par les électrons d'haute énergie d un Bétatron (14–3 MeV) en donnant des doses de 7000–10 000 r en 7–10 semaines sur un champ unique antérieur ou antéro-latéral L intervention a été réalisée en cas de tumeurs particulièrement étendus (dont le but du traitement préoperatoire était de réduire la néoplasie aux limites d opérabilité) dans les cas de tumeurs incomplètement stérilisés par les électrons, en cas de récidive lorsque une grave

nécrose n était pas dominée par le traitement médical. L'intervention n a jamais présenté des difficultés la cicatrisation a été toujours satisfaisante Les auteurs décri ent leurs résultats pour des cas suivis jusqu à cinq ans les résultats doi- ent être considérés très favorables quand on regard l'extension considérable d la plus part des néoplasies traitées.

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Die Autoren beschreiben ihre Ergebnisse über 33 Fäll von Kehlkopf und Hypopharynx-Geschwülsten die nach der Behandlu g mit schnellen Elektronen (14 32 MeV) operiert wurden. Dosen von rund 7000 bis 10 000 r in 7–10 Wochen durch ein einzelnes direktes vorderes Feld wurden angewandt. Ein operativer Eingriff wurde durchgeführt bei besonders ausgedehnten Geschwülsten (wo die Radiotherapie den Zweck hatte, die Operation zu ermöglichen) in Fällen w die Radiotherapie die Geschwülst nicht völlig sterilisiert hatte in rezidivierten Fallen in Fällen von schwerer Nekrose die eine ärztliche Therapie nicht beherrschen konnte Keine Schwierigkeiten wurden beobachtet bei dem operati en Eingriff die Vernarbung war immer befriedigend Die positiven Ergebnisse die sich fur einige Fälle auf eine Zeitspanne von über 5 Jahren beziehen sind sehr günstig, auch in Anbetracht der Ausdehnung der meisten behandelten Geschwulste

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The treatment combining radiotherapy and surgery was applied in the following cases

1 widespread tumours of the larynx and hypopharynx involving the valleculae the tongue base and the pharyngo-epiglottic plicae
2 endolaryngeal tumours incompletely sterilized by radiotherapy
3 widespread tumours of the anterior vestibule with which preliminary electron therapy had been aimed at reducing the neoplasia within the limits for a correct partial supraglottic surgery after radiotherapy
4 tumour relapses after completion of radiotherapy
5 ulcerated and infected tumours, where radiotherapy had induced serious necrosis chondritis, perichondritis beyond control by medical treatment
6 cases in which a previous partial operation following radiotherapy had induced necrotic phenomena of the laryngeal cartilaginous system in such circumstances, timely total laryngectomy was able to correct a condition of serious distress of the oteo-cartilaginous tissues which apparently resist irradiation until surgical intervention or inflammatory processes uncover the perichondral plane

The 33 cases subjected to irradiation plus surgery belonged chiefly to widespread tumour affections classified in the third and mostly in the fourth stage the survivals broken down by stage are 2 out of 3 in stage T 2 9 out of 11 in stage T 3 and 10 out of 19 in stage T 4 A remarkable point is the survival of a few T 3 and T 4 cases over 6 years after the beginning of treatment

Our results with a correct treatment with combined irradiation and surgery in a number of cases—which though comparatively moderate represent the most extensive statistics published to date—are quite gratifying, chiefly if we consider the spread of the neoplastic affections

It can thus be stated that in cases where complete success cannot be achieved by radiotherapy with high-energy electrons of the Betatron—in our experience to be considered today as the therapy most indicated for laryngeal and hypopharyngeal tumours, excluding ventricular affections—the combination of radiotherapy and surgery will allow satisfactory results also with remarkably widespread neoplastic affections

RESUME

Les auteurs ont analysé leurs résultats sur 33 cas de tumeurs du larynx et de l'hypopharynx obtenus avec combinaison radiochirurgicale Le traitement radiologique préopératoire a été réalisé par les électrons d'haute énergie d un Bétatron (14–32 MeV) en donnant des doses de 7000–10 000 r en 7–10 semaines sur un champ unique antérieur ou antéro-latéral. L intervention a été réalisée en cas de tumeurs particulièrement étendus (dont le but du traitement préopératoire était de réduire la néoplasie aux limites d opérabilité) dans les cas de tumeurs incomplètement stérilisés par les électrons, en cas de récidive lorsque une grave

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L'appareil utilisé pour stimuler les canaux semi-circulaires horizontaux a déjà été décrit par l'un de nous (Gribenski, 1964). Quelques précisions nouvelles doivent être données ici. Le moteur à courant continu qui entraîne le plateau est alimenté par une pile de façon à avoir une tension stable et une vitesse uniforme. La pile, de 90 volts, est formée de 60 éléments de 1,5 volt montés en série; on peut ainsi donner à la tension toutes les valeurs, de 1,5 V en 1,5 V, entre 0 et 90 volts; un potentiomètre permet d'obtenir les valeurs intermédiaires. L'arrêt de la rotation s'effectue brusquement, mais sans choc, grâce à l'emploi, d'une part, de deux plateaux superposés, le plateau inférieur étant fixé sur l'arbre du moteur et le plateau supérieur tournant librement autour de son axe, d'autre part, d'un frein à patin de caoutchouc qui peut appuyer sur le bord du plateau supérieur et dont le déplacement coupe le circuit d'alimentation du moteur.

L'animal est soumis à une rotation à vitesse uniforme pendant un temps suffisamment long (une minute environ) pour que l'appareil vestibulaire, stimulé au démarrage de la rotation, soit revenu au repos. L'arrêt de la rotation s'effectuant en une fraction de seconde, de la même façon à toutes les vitesses de rotation utilisées, il y a proportionnalité entre la décélération et la vitesse à laquelle tournait le plateau avant l'arrêt. Cette proportionnalité nous autorise à indiquer les valeurs de stimulation sous la forme de vitesses de rotation, bien que le stimulus adéquat du canal semi-circulaire soit l'accélération angulaire. Le seuil de stimulation postrotatoire est alors exprimé par la vitesse de rotation qui permet d'obtenir, à l'arrêt, dans 50 p. 100 des cas, une réaction juste perceptible (léger mouvement de la tête dans le sens de la rotation).

Les seuils de stimulation ont été déterminés méthodiquement comme le montre le tableau 1, qui correspond à une grenouille encore pourvue de la vue (grenouille n° 4). Nous avons recherché la valeur des seuils de stimulation pour les deux sens de rotation, horaire et antihoraire, par les méthodes ascendante et descendante, au cours de 5 journées quelconques. Si l'on examine par exemple les réponses de la grenouille n° 4 pour une rotation du sens horaire pendant la journée du 21 janvier, on remarque les résultats suivants: à une vitesse de 7,0 /s., la grenouille, ayant subi 10 fois la même stimulation à quelques minutes d'intervalle, a réagi 10 fois à l'arrêt d'une rotation à la vitesse de 0,7 /s., elle réagit encore 10 fois sur 10; ensuite la fréquence des réactions diminue en même temps que décroît la vitesse de rotation. La grenouille ne réagit plus que 5 fois sur 10 avec une vitesse de 4,9 /s. et 1 fois sur 10 à 4,7 /s. Conformément à la règle habituelle nous avons pris pour valeur du seuil la vitesse à laquelle la grenouille réagit 5 fois sur 10, soit, dans ce cas précis, 4,9 /s. Les mêmes mesures ont été faites par la méthode ascendante (c'est-à-dire dans le sens des stimulation d'intensité croissante) et les résultats montrent que, pour une rotation de sens horaire le même jour le seuil a la valeur de

INFLUENCE DE LA VISION SUR LE SEUIL DES RÉACTIONS VESTIBULAIRES POSTROTATOIRES

Réactions dues à la stimulation des canaux semi-circulaires horizontaux

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On étudie chez la Grenouille, l'influence de la vision sur le seuil des réactions vestibulaires postrotatoires (réactions dues à la stimulation des canaux semi-circulaires horizontaux). La stimulation est produite par l'arrêt d'une rotation uniforme, *arrêt réalisé en un temps très court*, ce qui permet d'exprimer la valeur de la stimulation sous la forme d'une vitesse de rotation. Les expériences portent sur des grenouilles d'abord pourvues de la vue, ensuite rendues aveugles par section des nerfs optiques. Pour chacune d'elles, le seuil — la plus petite vitesse de rotation capable de produire à l'arrêt une réaction juste perceptible (léger mouvement de la tête dans le sens de la rotation) — est plus élevé lorsque l'animal voit *que lorsqu'il est aveugle. Il apparaît donc que la vision tend à inhiber les* réactions vestibulaires postrotatoires.

INTRODUCTION

Des expériences faites par Mowrer (1937) chez l'homme montrent que *la présence de la vue pendant une rotation dans le plan horizontal* diminue la durée du nystagmus postrotatoire. La même remarque a été faite pour les réactions postrotatoires du Pigeon (Mowrer 1935) et du Vairon (Loewenstein 1932); elle a sans doute une valeur générale. On peut donc penser que le seuil de stimulation postrotatoire (valeur de la stimulation la plus faible qui produise une réaction juste perceptible à l'arrêt de la rotation) sera plus élevé chez un animal qui voit que chez le même animal rendu aveugle. Cependant, aucun travail n'a été fait jusqu'à présent sur ce sujet et, afin de vérifier cette hypothèse, nous avons chez la Grenouille comparé les seuils de stimulation pour les réactions postrotatoires lorsque la vision était possible et lorsqu'elle était *supprimée (les animaux étant* rendus aveugles par section des nerfs optiques).

EXPÉRIENCES ET RÉSULTATS

Les expériences ont porté sur 9 grenouilles (*Rana esculenta* L.). Les animaux, placés à la température du laboratoire (22 à 25 C) au moins

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(Chacun des signes indique le résultat d'un essai; + : présence d'une réaction − : absence de réaction)

Rotation de sens horaire		Rotation de sens antihoraire	
21 janvier			
7,9 ++++++++++	4,7 −−+−−−−−−−	6,2 +++−++++++	4,5 +−+−−−−−−−
6,7 ++++++++++	5,1 +−+−+−+−−+	5,8 ++−−++−+++	5 −−+−−++−+−
6,4 +++++−++++	5,3 ++++++++−+	5,6 ++++−++−+−	5,5 −+++++++−+
6 ++−++++−++	5,7 ++++++++++	5,2 +−+−−−−+++	5,8 ++++++−++−
5 ++−−++++++		5 −++−−−−−−+	6,3 ++++++++++
5,3 ++−+−++−++		4,5 +−+−−−−−−−	
4,9 +−−−−++++−			
4,7 −−+−−−−−−−			
seuil 4,9	seuil 5,1	seuil 5,2	seuil 5,2
Seuil journalier 5		Seuil journalier 5,2	
25 janvier			
6,3 ++++++++++	4 −−−−−−−−−−	6,3 +++++ ++−+	4 −−−−−−−−−−
5,6 ++−+−−++++	4,6 −−−−−−−−−+	5,8 +−−+−++++−	4,8 −+−−−++−−
5,2 +−+−++−−+−	4,9 −−−−−−−−++	5,1 +++−+−+−+−	5 −+−−++−++−
4,9 ++−+−−−++−	5,1 −−+−−+−++−	5,2 −++−−−++−−	5,7 +++−++++++
4,6 −−+−+−−−−−	5,5 −+−++−+++	4,5 −+−−−−+−−−	
4 −−−−−−−−−−	6 +−+++−−+++	4 −−−−−−−−−−	
	6,3 ++++++++++		
seuil 4,9	seuil 5,3	seuil 5,3	seuil 5
Seuil journalier 5,1		Seuil journalier 5,1	
26 janvier			
6,8 ++++++++++	4,1 −−+−+−−−−−	7,1 ++++++++++	4,3 −−−−−+−−+−
6,1 +−++− −+++	4,5 −−−−−−−−+−	6 ++++−+−+−−	4,8 −++−− +−−
5,6 ++−+++−++−	4,9 +−−+−+−−−−	5,5 +−+−−+++ +	5,2 +− +−++−−+
5 +−−−++−+−−	5,3 + −−+−+++−	5 −++−−+−+−+	6 ++++++++++
4,5 +−+−−−−−+−	5,9 ++−+−++−+−	4,5 −−+−+−+−−−	
4,1 −−+−+−−−−−	6,5 −+ +− ++ −	4,3 −−−−−−+−+−	
	7,3 +++++ + +		
seuil 5	seuil 5,1	seuil 5	seuil 5
Seuil journalier 5,1		Seuil journalier 5	
27 janvier			
6,9 ++++++++++	4,9 −−−− −−−−−−	6,8 ++++++++++	4,6 − −−−−−−−
6,2 ++++++++++	5,3 −−+− − −−−	6 + ++++	5 −−− −−− −
5,7 +++−+ +−−+	5,5 +−− −−+	5,3 + ++− − −	5,5 − −−+
5,3 −−−−+−−−+−	5,9 +++++−−+	5,1 −+−− −− −	5,7 − − +
4,9 −−−−+−−−−−	6,3 +++++++++−	4,6 +− −−−−−−−	6,1 + −+
seuil 5,5	seuil 5,1	seuil 5,2	seuil 5,2
Seuil journalier 5,1		Seuil journalier 5,2	
29 janvier			
7 ++++ + ++	4,2 −−−− −− −	6,6 ++ + + +	4,2 − −−
6,2 +++++ + ++	4,4 −−+−−−−−−−	5,9 −++ +	4,5 − −
5,7 ++++ − +−	4,7 −−+−−++−−−	5,4 −+−+−+ +	4,9
5,3 −−+ + − +	5 −−+−−+−−	5 −−−− −	5,3
5 −+−−−++−−−	5,5 −− −+	4,6 −− −− − −−	5,9
4,5 −−+−−−−− −	6,3 +++ ++ +	4,2 −−− −−−−−−	6,1
4,2 −−−−−−−−−−			
seuil 5,1	seuil 5,3	seuil 5	seuil 5,3
Seuil journalier 5,2		Seuil journalier 5,1	

Seuil horaire (moyen): 5,2

Seuil antihoraire (moyen): 5,1

TABLEAU 2. *Valeur des seuils de stimulation postrotatoire (seuils moyens) chez des grenouilles normales et aveugles pour des rotations de sens horaire et antihoraire*

(La valeur des seuil est exprimée en degrés par seconde.) Les chiffres de 1 à 9 désignent les grenouilles.

	Rotation de sens horaire		Rotation de sens antihoraire	
	Grenouille normale	Grenouille aveugle	Grenouille normale	Grenouille aveugle
1	5,0	4,1	4,8	3,0
2	3,2	4,3	5,0	3,8
3	3,1	3,3	3,3	3,0
4	5,3	3,7	5,1	3,5
5	5,3	4,3	5,2	4,3
6	5,3	4,6	5,2	4,2
7	5,2	3,6	5,0	3,2
8	4,0	2,7	3,9	2,7
9	3,8	2,6	3,1	2,6

5 1 /s. La moyenne de ces 2 valeurs, soit 5 /s., représente le seuil de ce jour (ou seuil journalier) pour cette grenouille et pour une rotation de sens horaire

La même série de mesures a été réalisée le même jour pour une rotation de sens antihoraire Ces opérations ont été répétées au cours de 5 journées prises au hasard (pour cette grenouille, les 21 25 26 2 et 29 janvier) La moyenne des valeurs des 5 seuils journaliers pour un sens de rotation donne le seuil moyen, soit, pour la grenouille n° 4 une valeur de 5,2 /s. pour une rotation de sens horaire et 5 1 /s. pour une rotation de sens antihoraire Ain i, la détermination du seuil moyen pour chaque sens de rotation est le résultat de 500 à 600 observations Ces mesures ont été répétées ur la même grenouille après section des nerfs optiques.

Les seuils sont peu différents pour les deux sens de rotation la sensibilité des canaux semi-circulaires horizontaux, dans ces conditions, est la même dans les deux sens.

Le tableau 2 indique les valeurs des seuils moyens (moyennes des valeurs d s 5 seuils journaliers) des 9 grenouilles, d'abord lorsqu elles voyaient ensuite lorsqu elles étaient privées de la vue L examen de ce tableau montre que le seuil déterminé pour une rotation de sens horaire ou de sens antihoraire chez une grenouille qui voit est supérieur au seuil déterminé pour le même sens de rotation, chez le même animal rendu aveugle. Il en est in i pour les animaux dont le seuil est le plus bas (ex n°s 8 et 9) t pour ceux dont le seuil est relativement élevé (ex n°s 4 et 5) c est-à-dire pour des animaux dont la sensibilité à ce type de stimulation a une valeur tré différente

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(Chacun des signes indique le résultat d'un essai; + : présence d'une réaction; − : absence de réaction)

21 janvier

Rotation de sens horaire				Rotation de sens antihoraire			
7,9	++++++++++	4,7	−−+−−−−−−−	6,2	+++−++++++	4,5	+−+−−−−−−−
6,7	++++++++++	5,1	+−+−+−+−−+	5,8	++−−++−+++	5	−−+−−++−+−
6,4	+++++−++++	5,3	++++++++−+	5,6	++++−++−+−	5,5	−+++++++−
6	++−++++−++	5,7	++++++++++	5,2	+−+−−−−+++	5,8	++++++−++−
5,7	++−−++++++			5	−++−−−−−−+	6,3	++++++++++
5,3	+++−+−++−++			4,5	+−+−−−−−−−		
4,9	+−−−−++++−						
4,7	−−+−−−−−−−						
seuil 4,9		seuil 5,1		seuil 5,2		seuil 5,2	
Seuil journalier 5				Seuil journalier 5,2			

25 janvier

Rotation de sens horaire				Rotation de sens antihoraire			
6,3	++++++++++	4	−−−−−−−−−−	6,3	++++++++−+	4	−−−−−−−−−−
5,6	++−+−−++++	4,6	−−−−−−−−−+	5,8	+−−+−++++−+	4,8	−+−−−+++−
5,2	+−+−++−−+−	4,9	−−−−−−−−++	5,4	+++−+−+−+−	5	−+−−++−++−
4,9	++−+−−−++−	5,1	−−+−−+−++−	5,2	−++−−−++−	5,7	+++−+++++
4,6	−−+−+−−−−−	5,5	−+−++−++++	4,5	−+−−−−+−−−		
4	−−−−−−−−−−	6	+−+++−−+++	4	−−−−−−−−−−		
		6,3	++++++++++				
seuil 4,9		seuil 5,3		seuil 5,3		seuil 5	
Seuil journalier 5,1				Seuil journalier 5,1			

26 janvier

Rotation de sens horaire				Rotation de sens antihoraire			
6,8	++++++++++	4,1	−−+−+−−−−−	7,1	++++++++++	4,3	−−−−−+−−+−
6,1	+−++−+−+++	4,5	−−−−−−−−+−	6	++++−+−+−−	4,8	−++−−++−−−
5,6	++−+++−++−	4,9	+−−++−−−−−	5,5	+−+−−+++++	5,2	+−++−++−−+
5	+−−−+++−+−	5,3	++−−+−++++−	5	−++−−+−+−+	6	++++++++++
4,5	+−+−−−−−+−	5,9	+ −+−++−+−	4,5	−−+−+−+−−−		
4,1	−−+−+−−−−−	6,5	−+ +−++++−	4,3	−−−−−+−−+−		
		7,3	++++++++++				
seuil 5		seuil 5,1		seuil 5		seuil 5	
Seuil journalier 5,1				Seuil journalier 5			

27 janvier

Rotation de sens horaire				Rotation de sens antihoraire			
6,0	++++++++++	4,9	−−−− −−−−−	6,8	++++++++ ++	1,6	+−+−−−−−−−
6,2	++++++++++	5,3	−−+−+−+ −−	6	++++++ +++	5	−−−+−−−+ −
5,7	+++−+++−−+	5,5	+−−+−−++ +	5,3	+++++−+−+−	5,5	− + + −−
5,3	−−−−+−−−+−	5,9	++++−−++ −	5,1	−+−− −−+−+	5,7	− − + ++
4,9	−−−− −−−−−	6,3	+ +++ −	4,6	− −−−−−−−	6,1	−+
seuil 5,5		seuil 5,1		seuil 5,2		seuil 5,2	
Seuil journalier 5,1				Seuil journalier 5,2			

29 janvier

Rotation de sens horaire				Rotation de sens antihoraire			
7	++++ ++ ++	4,2	−−−−−−−−−−	6,6	++ ++++	1,2	−−− −−− −−
6,2	+++++++++	4,4	−−+−−−−−−−	5,9	−++ + + +	1,5	−− −−− −−
5,7	++++++− +−	4,7	−−+−−++−−−	5,1	−+−+−++ +	4,0	−− − −−
5,3	−−++++− ++	5	−− −−+−−++	5	−−−−+ − +	5,3	−− −− −
5	−+−−−++−−−	5,5	−− −++++++	1,6	−− −− − −−	5,9	− − + −
4,5	−−+−−−−−−−	6,3	++++++++++	1,2	−−−+−−−−−−	6,1	
4,2	−−−−−−−−−−						
seuil 5,1		seuil 5,3		seuil 5		seuil 5,3	
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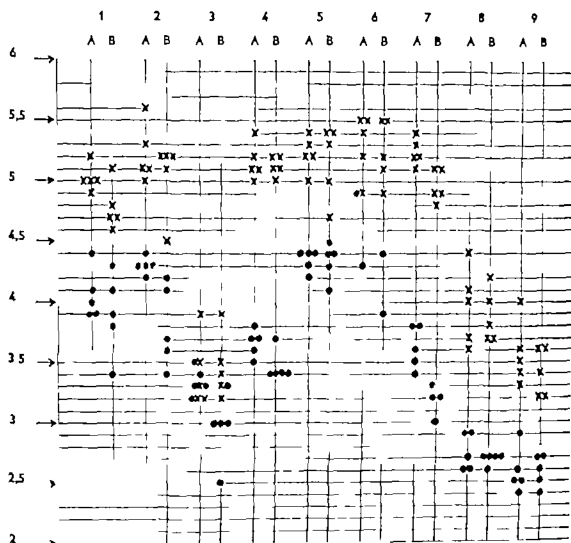


FIG 1 *Horizontalement* chiffres désignant les grenouilles (de 1 à 9) pour chacune d'elles, colonne A : rotation dans le sens horaire, colonne B : rotation dans le sens antihoraire. *Verticalement* vitesse de rotation, en degrés/seconde. Croix seuils déterminés avant section des nerfs optiques. Cercles : seuils déterminés après section des nerfs optiques. (La grenouille n 6 une fois aveugle est morte en cours d'expérience. C'est pourquoi nous n'avons pu déterminer que 2 seuils journaliers chez cet animal.)

La figure 1 montre en outre que, à l'exception d'une seule grenouille (n 3), le seuil journalier le plus élevé déterminé lorsque l'animal est privé de la vue est toujours inférieur au seuil journalier le plus bas déterminé lorsque le même animal voit. La différence entre ces deux valeurs est plus ou moins grande selon les animaux, par exemple elle est nettement plus importante pour les nos 4, 7, 8 que pour les nos 1, 2, 5, 9. Enfin on peut voir que la grenouille n 3 ne fait pas véritablement exception puisque les deux groupes de valeurs des seuils journaliers ne se recouvrent que partiellement : l'ensemble des valeurs obtenues lorsque l'animal est aveugle reste inférieur à l'ensemble des valeurs obtenues lorsqu'il voit.

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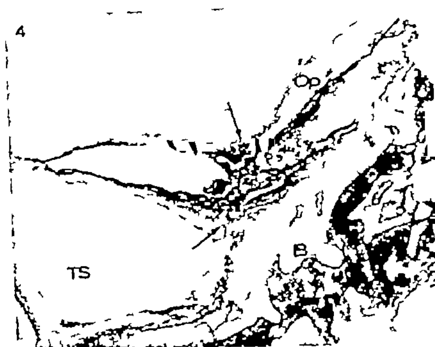


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in the perisaccular connective tissue cells is provided by the demonstration of marked aminopeptidase activity in these cells. Presumably the protein molecules or their break-down products eventually pass into the rich capillary network surrounding the endolymphatic sac.

The transport of foreign particles from the cochlear duct to the endolymphatic sac indicates a flow of endolymph in this direction and confirms Guild's observation (1927). Proteins that are normally concentrated in the endolymphatic sac probably are cleared by phagocytic activity of the free-floating macrophages as well as by transport via the lining epithelial cells into the surrounding perisaccular connective tissue. Probably this process is relatively slow as compared to the presumably rapid absorption of water that may be the cause of protein concentration in the endolymphatic sac. It appears from all the presented data that the endolymphatic sac is a metabolically active structure that functions as a filter for the membranous labyrinth.

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Die Verteilung der Diphosphopyridinnukleotid-Diaphorase, der Triphosphopyridinnukleotid-Diaphorase, der Laktat-Dehydrogenase, der Malat-Dehydrogenase, der *Succinat*-Dehydrogenase, der Isocitrat-Dehydrogenase, der Glukose-6-Phosphat-Dehydrogenase und der β-Hydroxybutyrat-Dehydrogenase sowie der *Cytochromoxydase*, der alkalischen und sauren Phosphatasen, der Leucin- und Alanin-Aminopeptidasen wurde im Saccus endolymphaticus und im perisacculären *Bindegewebe* histochemisch nachgewiesen. Die Enzymaktivität war in den Epithelzellen, die in der mittleren Zone liegen, und in den Zellen, *die sich frei* in der Endolymphe befinden, stärker als in anderen Teilen des Sackes. Hiervon ausgenommen war die Aminopeptidase, die auch im perisacculären Bindegewebe starke Aktivität zeigte.

Fremdprotein (Peroxydase), die in den Ductus cochleari injiziert worden waren, fand man zwei Tage später *in den freiflottierenden* Zellen des endolymphatischen Sackes phagozytiert, jedoch nicht in den randständigen Zellen selbst oder sonstwo im häutigen Labyrinth. Vier Tage nach der Injektion wurde auch in den Fibroblasten des perisaccularen Bindegewebes Peroxydase beobachtet.

Fremdproteine, die mit radioaktivem Kohlenstoff markiert waren, wurden direkt in den Saccus endolymphaticus *injiziert* und autoradiographisch verfolgt. Fünf Minuten nach der Injektion wurde nur an der Oberfläche des randständigen Epithel Radioaktivität *bemerkt*. Nach 85 Minuten Überlebenszeit fand ich die Radioaktivität bereits sowohl in den freiflottierenden Zellen als auch im perisacculären Gewebe.

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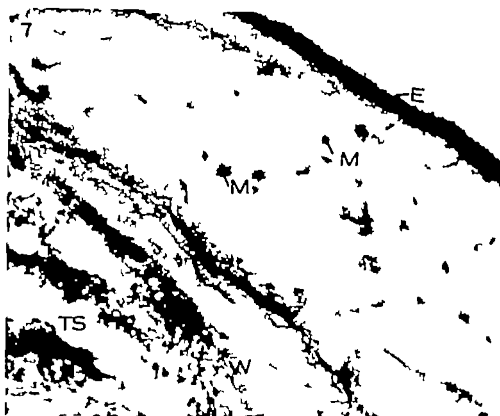


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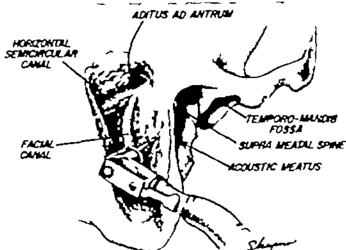

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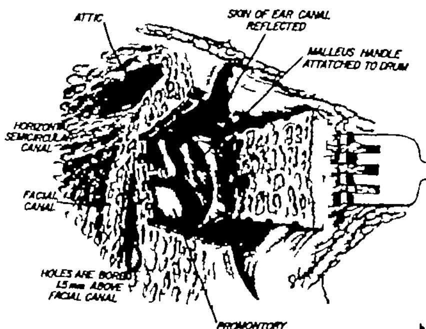

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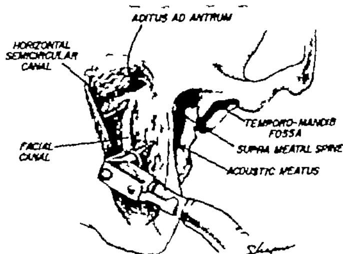

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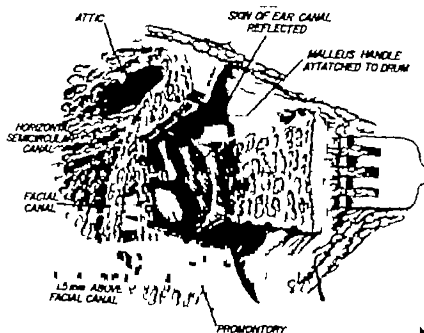

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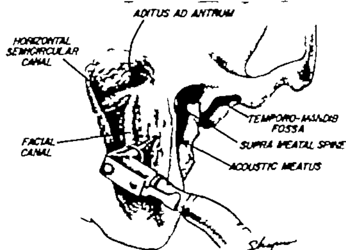

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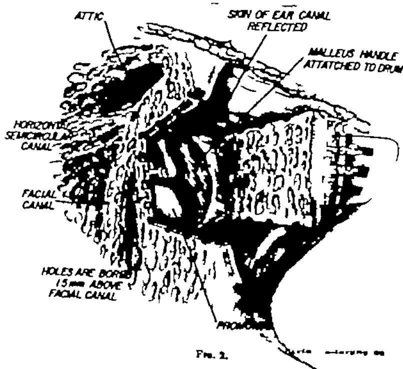

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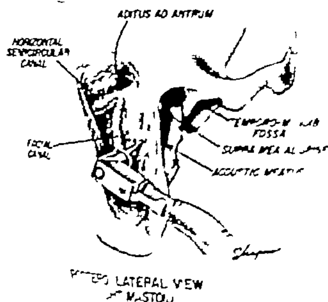

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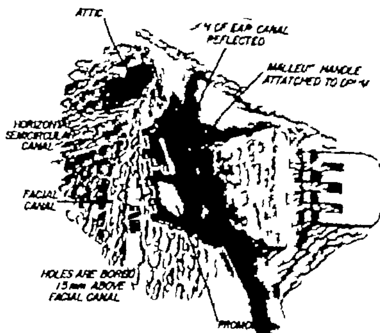

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A METHOD FOR PRESERVINC THE POSTERIOR CANAL BRIDGE IN THE SURGERY FOR CHOLESTEATO[illegible]

Preliminary Report

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There are essentially two conflicting schools of thought rega[illegible] surgical management of cholesteatoma affecting the tympanic cle[ft]. Wullstein (19[illegible]6) advocates the surgical creation of a mastoi[d] following the removal of the posterior canal wall. The latter insu[res ade]quate access to the entire tympanic cleft for the extirpation of the tissue. The disadvantage of the procedure is that continued posto[perative] care is necessary and there is an associated limitation in aquatic s[ports].

Austin & Shea (1961) on the other hand preserves the posterior ca[nal wall] and eliminates the establishment of a mastoid cavity. However ac[cess to] the entire tympanic cleft particularly the facial recess may be d[ifficult] at times when this technique is used. Consequently there is a perc[entage] of recurrent disease. While this is a more difficult and challenging [surgi]cal procedure, the patient does not become an "aural cripple".

The work of Schnee (1963) was unknown to the senior author unt[il the] modification to be described in this paper was devised and clinically [used]. Schnee described an osteoplastic flap technique whereby he includ[ed a] portion of the posterior canal wall attached to the posterior canal [wall] by the use of two vertical osteotomies through and including the br[idge]. He further described additional tympano-meatal flaps for trans m[eatal] access to the middle ear. We believe that the preservation of the b[ridge] is important as a buttress and that no meatal incisions are necessary. [The] posterior canal wall is mobilised via two vertical and on horizontal [oste]otomy without disturbing the bridge.

OPERATIVE TECHNIQUE

Under local 2% Xylocaine-Adrenaline anesthesia the tympanic m[em]brane is inspected transmeatally and the margins of the perforation are

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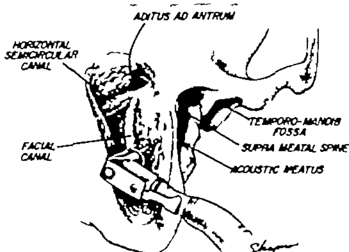

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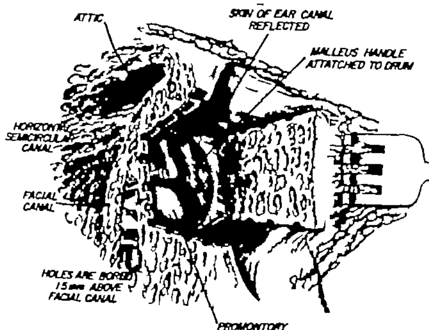

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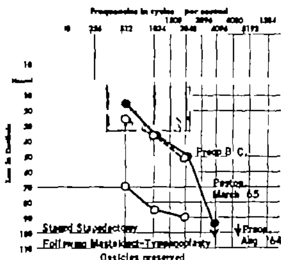


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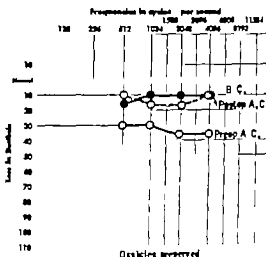


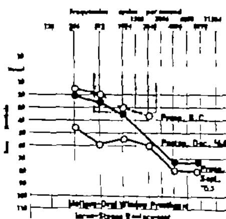
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epitheliallsed (Austin & Shea 1961) As much as possible of the cholesteatoma sac is removed through the perforation At the completion of this stage, endotracheal fluothane anesthesia is commenced

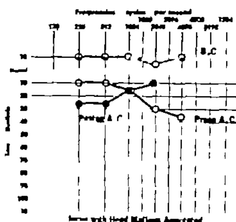
A postauricular incision is made and a simple mastoidectomy atticotomy performed The posterior canal wall is thinned from behind to approximately 1 0–1.5 mm using a drill (compressed air or motor driven) A vertical osteotomy is made just below the level of the superior buttress using a small 1 mm rosehead burr from the lateral free margin of the posterior canal A similar parallel osteotomy is made inferiorly at approximately the level of the floor of the external canal The two osteotomies are then connected by an horizontal osteotomy approximately 1–2 mm above the facial ridge (Fig 1) The isolated bone fragment is elevated anteriorly in continuity with the canal skin and tympanic membrane leaving the posterior portion of the bridge intact (Fig 2)

The indicated attic and middle ear surgery is carried out while retracting the bone-skin tympanic flap Further annular and attic bone may be burred away anteriorly or posteriorly for good visualization The cholesteatomatous sac may be delivered posteriorly or anteriorly whichever is preferred to maintain continuity

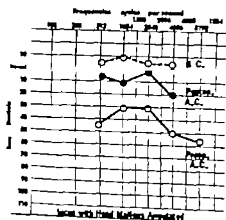
If adequate removal of the cholesteatoma is possible with preservation of ossicles, this is done (Fig 3 *a*) However amputation of the head of the malleus is no deterrant to the subsequent restoration of hearing with a malleus-oval window wire prosthesis (Fig 4) or as a myringo-stapedlopexy



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(Fig. 4 *b* and *c*) Repair of the drum defect is made with a fascial graft slid forward from behind the aditus, and a rotated muscle flap may be inserted into the mastoid cavity. The canal skin-bone flap is repositioned and the canal packed with small pieces of gelfoam.

DISCUSSION

There are a number of advantages of this technique. Good visualization is afforded of the hypotympanum, facial recess and attic, despite preservation

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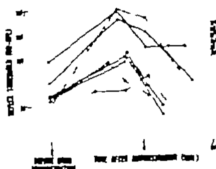


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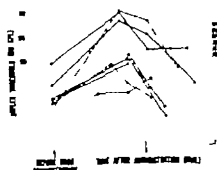


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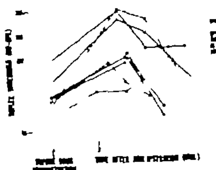


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Statistical analyses

The results in each group are listed in Table 1 Each vertical column represents an individual series of 5 accelerations The following calculations were made in each series

(1) The arithmetic mean $\bar{X}$ This is a direct expression of the subject's latency time level at the given strength of stimulus.

(2) The standard deviation $\hat{S}$ expresses the variation in the latency times The calculation was made according to the equation

$$\hat{S} = \sqrt{\frac{\Sigma(X_i - \bar{X})^2}{n-1}}$$

in which Σ is the sum $\Sigma(X_i - \bar{X})^2$ is the sum of the squares of the differences between each latency time recorded (X_i) and the arithmetic mean ($\bar{X}$) of the latency times, and n is the number of measurements, in this case 5

(3) The ratio of the standard deviation to the arithmetic mean in each subject was calculated The coefficient of variation $C(\hat{S}/\bar{X})$ obtained in this way is also given in the table

(4) The arithmetic means standard deviations and coefficients of variation were also calculated by groups for the latency times in the first 12 stimulations the second 12 third 12 and so on (horizontally in the tables) These values are given in the right hand columns of Table 1

RESULTS

A survey of the results shows that in the majority of cases, the arithmetic mean of the latency time decreased with rising strength of stimulus. Although the standard deviation varies in the different groups, a tendency to a decrease can be noted at high speeds of acceleration The relative standard deviation within the groups expressed as the coefficient of variation seems to be well collected around the value 0 4 If the individual results in the respective groups are studied large variations are seen both within the group and in the individual subject Some concentration is, however found around a mean value characteristic of each strength of stimulus

In general the results differed greatly in the various subjects Thus in some there were large variations from one recording to the next whereas

in others the latency times showed a distinct regularity As could be expected, the variations were greatest in those groups in which the stimulus was weak at high accelerations, on the other hand, fairly good reproducibility could be noted from one experiment to the next The mean values for the 12 subjects in the group in each acceleration experiment are given on the right-hand side in Table 1 It is seen that in groups 1 and 2, the arithmetic mean for all subjects increased slightly from recording 1 to recording 5 inclusively No such change occurred in the other groups.

If a comparison is made between the standard deviation for all subjects (Table 1 right hand side) and the corresponding value in the individual subjects, it is found that the deviation is consistently much larger in the former case than in the latter This also applies to the coefficient of variation

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Innerhalb der unspezifischen Esterasen kann man heute histochemisch 3 Typen unterscheiden (vgl. hierzu Pearse 1961) die Esterasen A B und C. Der Typ B wird Diisopropylfluorophosphat (DFP) in einer Konzentration von 10^{-8} M gehemmt A und C jedoch nicht Typ A wird ausserdem vom Natriumsalz des *p*-Hydroxymercuribenzoats (früher als *p*-Chloromercuribenzoat angesehen) gehemmt während Typ C aktiviert wird Die Abtrennung von Cholinesterasen einschliesslich der Acetylcholinesterase von einfachen Esterasen gelingt leicht durch DFP oder Eserin (Physostigmin) welche beide die Cholinesterasegruppe inaktivieren

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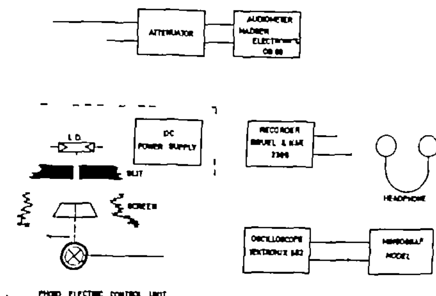


Fig 1 Block scheme f experimental equipment

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By experimenting with the shape of the shutter opening we succeeded in producing variations in the output voltage of the audiometer with the desired temporal pattern Because of the characteristics of the LDR the actual shutter opening is not an equilateral trapezium

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Quest. (30–50%)	0	2	5	8	7	12	6	6
Pos. (60–100%)	0	0	0	3	11	21	31	32
1000 cps								
Neg. (0–20%)	40	37	30	16	6	3	0	0
Quest. (30–50%)	0	3	9	11	15	6	2	1
Pos. (60–100%)	0	0	1	13	19	31	38	39
4000 cps								
Neg. (0–20%)	40	30	17	3	2	0	0	
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20 dB SL — Increment magnitude dB

SISI score	0.5	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.5	3.0	3.5	4.0
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Neg. (0–20%)	40	36	21	11	4	1	0	
Quest. (30–50%)	0	4	15	12	7	2	1	
Pos. (60–100%)	0	0	4	17	29	3	39	40
1000 cps								
Neg. (0–20%)	40	38	23	8	4	2	0	
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Pos. (60–100%)	0	0	9	18	31	36	37	40
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COMMENTS

The general trend of our results is a follows At low SLs scores increase with frequency At 40 dB SL they are grossly independent of frequency Consequently the increase in score with SL is most marked at low frequency

This was also the trend found by Harris (1963) in his experiments with pure tone increments in a pure tone whereas Chocholle (1955) using intensity variations of almost instantaneous onset and longer duration found the DLI to be independent of frequency even at 1 dB SL.

When comparing our results with previous investigations on the SISI test we find Our data coincide quite closely with those of Yantis & Decker both for 1 and 2 dB increments On the other hand our values are significantly lower than those obtained by Hanley & Utting This applies to the mean score for 1 dB as well as to the number of subjects with scores ≥ 60% In these studies the test was always presented at 20 dB SL.

With regard to the number of subjects scoring 60% or higher in Owens study the agreement is only fair At 40 dB SL there seems to be a tendency for his subjects to score better at 1 kc than at 4 kc for our Ss the opposite was the case However the data were collected in different ways, and Ns are small

We can confirm Jerger's statement that scores for 1 dB increments are generally below 20% but in agreement with Yantis & Decker we find that about one in four subjects were able to score higher at 4000 cps 2 had

scores > 60%. For 1.5 dB increments the number of subjects with positive scores increases to 14 and mean score increases from 16% to 40%.

Although the results might be influenced by a certain practice effect, they do imply that even minor changes of increment magnitude will cause substantial changes in SISI score.

This circumstance points to the necessity of an accurate calibration of SISI units. This in turn draws attention to the methods used for calibration. We consider the accuracy of the measurements with the oscilloscope to be sufficient. For routine checks the Brüel & Kjær level recorder should also be acceptable. In one of the previous studies the calibration was carried out by means of sound pressure readings. Due to the dynamic characteristics of sound level meters, we find such instruments unsatisfactory for measuring intensity variations of short duration. Even if the tone increment could be made constant, readings are difficult to carry out with sufficient accuracy (cf. IEC Recommendation for precision sound level meters, Geneva, 1965).

When stating that commercial SISI instrumentation appears clinically reliable Yantis & Decker make certain reservations. The calibration is important, and rise and decay times have to be approximately 50 msec. In view of our findings we want to emphasize that substantial alterations may be necessary and that in some instances calibration may be impossible because increments change with SPL and frequency.

ZUSAMMENFASSUNG

Der SISI Test ist eine wichtige Entwicklung der modernen Audi logie, besonders w ll er grundsätzlich versucht, mehrere F hler zu beseitigen, und ferner einem hohen Grad der Objekt vitat zustrebt. Sowohl das Testsignal als uch das Verfahren sind klar d fi iert, und di Mögli hk it des Untersuchers, die Ergebnisse zu beeinflussen, ist völlig reduziert. Ni htdestoweniger Ind folge Wider sprüche be den N rmalwerten ufgetaucht. Ma hat das Gefühl dass tech ische Schwierigkeiten all Parameter des Testsignals in Übereinstimmung mit Jergers Vorschriften zu halten t ilw ise hierfür era twortli h sind. Untersuchung eines kommerziellen Geräts illustriert inige der Schwierigk iten. Man muss beso ders die Aufmerksamk it uf di M thode der Kalibrierung richten Ein nichtkommerzielle A rüstung ist beschrieben und Ergebnisse von 40 normal hörenden Personen sind gegeben. Der Test wurde bei 3 Frequ zen und bei 3 I ten itäten uber der Hörschwell usgeführt. Acht erschieden Grössen der kurzdauernden Amplitudenänderungen wurden verwendet

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Quest (30– 50%)	0	3	9	11	15	6	2	1	0	2	8	14	5	2	3		0	9	8	7	1			
Pos (60–100%)	0	0	1	13	19	31	38	39	0	0	9	18	31	36	37	40	0	1	19	30	39	40		
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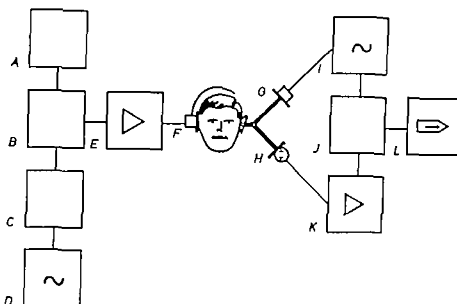


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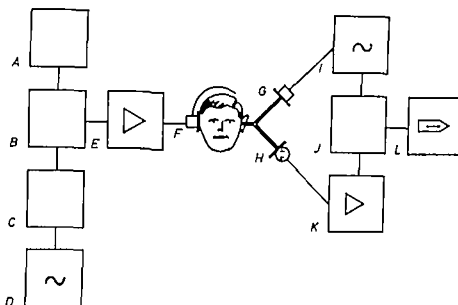


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	No. of cases		
	Unilateral	Bilateral	Total
Deafness of			
unknown type	9	13	22
perceptive type	1	7	8
conduction type	5	0	5
Vestibular manifestations	15	1	16
Acoustic and vestibular manifestations	11	6	17
Total	41	27	68

Apart from these cases, otitis externa has often been described in the presence of major destructions of the temporal bone close to the auditory meatus, but without polyp or fistula

Acoustic and Vestibular Changes in H.S.C. Disease

Since 45% of the patients having destruction of the temporal bone were under 3 years of age, and since several of the adult patients have not had acoustic or vestibular tests, the figures listed in Table 3 must be interpreted as minimum values.

In 1 cases with hearing impairment of *unknown type* without vestibular changes, there was a corresponding destruction of the temporal bone In the remaining 5 cases there were no defects of the temporal bone and no otitis or neurological changes.

Hearing impairment of the *perceptive type* without other acoustic vestibular changes was usually fairly severe and accompanied by corresponding destruction of the petrous portion. Three patients, however showed no radiological signs of destruction in the temporal bones and no signs of neurological loss The cause of the hearing impairment in these 3 cases may possibly have been granulomas affecting the intracranial course of the acoustic nerve Hearing impairment of the conduction type is due to granulomas in the middl ear

As regards vestibular manifestations, *spontaneous nystagmus* without acoustic findings was present in 6 cases Four of these patients also had cerebellar and bulbar sympt ms, and the nystagmus wa due to changes in the brain stem In the remaining 2 cases the nystagmus was due to destruction around the internal porus acusticus.

Isolated reduction of vestibular function has only been reported in one case In this case there was no destruction of the temporal bone and no neurological abnormalities (Wallace 1949)

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Treatment and Prognosis

X ray therapy in small or moderate doses is at present generally acknowl edged as the best ymptomatic treatment In many cases the aural dis charge has decreased or ceased, the polyp or swelling has diminished and the progression of the destruction has been arrested. In most other cases the treatment has not improved the acoustic and vestibular manifestations, but there have been exceptions (Chester & Kugel 1932 Jones, 1939)

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C-REACTIVE PROTEIN AND OPERATION

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The occurrence of C-reactive protein (CRP) was studied after 167 otolaryngological operations. CRP appeared in blood serum of patients in 113 cases out of 167 In the case of tonsillectomies the incidence of positive test for CRP was the highest 47 out of 51 Tonsillectomies and or adenoidectomies done under general anesthesia showed a lower frequency of positive CRP tests than tonsillectomies under local anesthesia. In the series studied, there were no postoperative complications, and therefore other points have to be taken into consideration when assessing the reason why CRP did not appear in connection with all operations of the same kind.

In a previous paper Tarkkanen & Tuomioja (1966) studied the presence of C-reactive protein (CRP) in otolaryngological diseases. The test for CRP was positive in 117 cases out of 819 Acute peritonsillitis showed the highest incidence of positive tests, 93 per cent, and maxillary carcinoma with 90 per cent, followed next. In chronic suppurative otitis media CRP appeared in only 2 per cent.

The present investigation was prompted by the interesting aspects presented by CRP after surgical procedures Baldauf & Jacoby's report (1959) is the only one earlier published on CRP in connection with operations and postoperative complications. They had 33 patients and each of them showed CRP in blood serum following a surgical or neurosurgical operation. The highest titres were found during the first few postoperative days (1–4 days) Postoperative complications caused elevated titres for prolonged periods. CRP disappeared from the blood in 7–11 days if there were no complication

MATERIAL AND METHODS

The material consisted of 167 patients operated on at the Helsinki University Otolaryngological Hospital. CRP was determined from two samples, taken immediately before and 24 hours after operation. Only patients with a negative preoperative test for CRP were accepted The operations were performed under local or general anesthesia The local anesthetic used was 0.5–1 per cent Carbocain® with adrenalin The

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TABLE 2 *C-reactive protein after tonsillectomies and/or adenoidectomies which are classified by the anesthetic agents*

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	Ethydan® & Fluothane®	4	4	—
	Ethydan®	2	—	2
	Fluothane®	1	1	—
Tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy	Ethydan® & Fluothane®	10	7	3
	Ethydan®	1	1	—
	Fluothane®	3	2	1
Adenoidectomy	Ethydan® & Fluothane®	6	3	3
	Ethydan®	2	—	2
	Fluothane®	4	2	2

used (Table 2) Patients who had their operations done under general anesthesia were from 2 to 16 years of age Tonsillectomies were performed under local anesthesia on patients aged between 17–64 years

Patients subjected to tonsillectomy under local anesthesia showed a significantly higher incidence of CRP than those under general anesthesia. The ther groups are too small to allow conclusions as regards either Ethydan® or Fluothane®

DISCUSSION

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Operation	No of cases	Test for CRP	
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Mastoidectomy	20	12	8
Stapes operation	10	2	8
Myringoplasty	5	2	3
Decompression of the facial nerve	2	2	
Plastic surgery for the ears	6	1	5
Operation for deviated septum	11	8	3
Ethmoidectomy	4	2	2
Dolomite implantation in ozaena	3	2	1
Reduction of nasal fracture	3	2	1
Rhinoplasty	3	3	
Tonsillectomy	51	47	4
Adenoidectomy	12	5	7
Tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy	14	10	4
Laryngectomy	2	2	
Extirpation of malignant tumors in skin	3	3	
Extirpation of benign tumors in skin	11	5	6
Mediastinoscopy	2	2	
Other endoscopies	2		2
Extirpation of glomus caroticum	3	3	
Total	167	113	51

anesthetic agents for general anesthesia were Ethydan® and/or Fluothane®

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RESULTS

Table 1 *shows the results of CRP determinations 24 hours after the* operations. Each patient had only one operation done and a negative test for CRP immediately before operation.

As evident from Table 1, CRP appeared in blood serum in 2/3 of all cases, but it did not appear in all cases of similar operations; for instance after mastoidectomies for chronic suppurative otitis media CRP occurred in 12 cases out of 20. Tonsillectomies showed the highest incidence of CRP, 47 out of 51 *cases*. After adenoidectomies, negative tests for CRP outnumbered the positive tests.

Because the type of anesthesia *may have some influence on the oc*currence of CRP, the tonsillectomies were classified by the anesthetic agent

TABLE 2. *C-reactive protein after tonsillectomies and/or adenoidectomies which are classified by the anesthetic agents*

Operation	Anesthetic agent	No. of cases	Test for CRP	
			Positive	Negative
Tonsillectomy	Carbocain® with adrenalin	44	42	2
	Ethydan® & Fluothane®	4	4	—
	Ethydan®	2	—	2
	Fluothane®	1	1	—
Tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy	Ethydan® & Fluothane®	10	7	3
	Ethydan®	1	1	—
	Fluothane®	3	2	1
Adenoidectomy	Ethydan® & Fluothane®	6	3	3
	Ethydan®	2	—	2
	Fluothane®	4	2	2

used (Table 2). Patients who had their operations done under general anesthesia were from 2 to 16 years of age. Tonsillectomies were performed under local anesthesia on patients aged between 17–64 years.

Patients subjected to tonsillectomy under local anesthesia showed a significantly higher incidence of CRP than those under general anesthesia. The other groups are too small to allow conclusions as regards either Ethydan® or Fluothane®.

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Die Verfasser haben in einem anderen Artikel das Vorkommen des C-reaktiven Proteins bei otolaryngologischen Krankheiten untersucht; dabei wurde das C-RP bei 117 von insgesamt 819 Fällen vorgefunden. Nach allgemeinchirurgischen und

neurochirurgischen Operationen ist C-RP gut eine Woche im Serum des Patienten vorgefunden worden Bei otolaryngologischen Operationen gibt es in dieser Hinsicht keine Berichte in der Literatur Die Verfasser studierten das postoperative Auftreten von C-RP bei 107 Patienten In das Untersuchungsmaterial wurden nur Patienten die preoperativ einen negativen C-RP Befund hatten eingereiht C-RP wurde bei / der Fälle vorgefunden Die höchste Frequenz trat nach *Tonsillektomie auf d h 48 Fälle von 51 zeigten einen positiven C-RP* Befund Tonsillektomien unter örtlicher Betäubung wiesen in statistisch signifikantem Masse öfter eine C-RP Positivität als die unter Narkose ausgeführten Tonsillektomien und/oder Adenotomien auf Das Alter hat möglicherweise gewisse Bedeutung da die örtlichbetäubten Patienten alle erwachsen waren während letztere Gruppe nur aus Kindern bestand Zusätzliche Untersuchungen sind jedoch nötig, um den eventuellen Anteil der Betäubungs- und Narkosemittel bei postoperativer C-RP Positivität ermitteln zu können

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C-REACTIVE PROTEIN IN OTOLARYNGOLOGICAL DISEASES

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C-reactive protein (CRP) was determined in 819 patients suff ring from variou ot lary gological diseases. The test for CRP was positive in 117 cases and negative in 702. The highest frequency f positive tests, 93 per cent, wa btained I acut peritonsillitis. The results in this study support earlier report in general chronic supp rative otitis media with or without cholesteatoma showed surprisingly low incid nce of positive tests, 2 per cent

Before the advent of biochemotherapy pneumococcal pneumonia had a grav progno is and a great deal of attention was therefore paid to the bacteriology nd serology of this disease In a review Keitel Diesner & Bannert (1964) describe some results of this work in the following terms

In differentiating antibodies against various strains of pneumococci, a carbohydrate was discovered in the cell body of pneumococci Because it differed both chemically and immunologically from polysaccharide A of the capsule, and from nucleoprotein B, it was called the C substance Tillet & Francis (1930) found that at the acute phase of the disease the serum of pati nt uffering from pneumonia gave a precipitin reaction with this C ubstance hence the name of this precipitin in the serum, C-reactive protei (CRP) It is still a controversial question whether this protein bel g to the albumins or globulins. The origin and significance of CRP a o till n t definitely known in spite of the great number of studies carried out on CRP In rabbits, a protein C_xRP appears in blood serum after kin lesions and radiation. Local ischemia or tissue destruction seems t be a prerequisite for the appearance of CRP which occurs in several th r diseases (excluding pneumonia) e.g various inflammatory diseases, rheumatic fever cardiac infarction, and malignant neoplasms. In all probability it i a question of decomposition product of cell proteins. CRP is u ually demon trable in blood serum within 24 hours in acute inflam u at ry conditions and disappears in a few days during convalescence.

There e few report on CRP in ea nose and throat diseases. Carlens (1941) t died 100 cases f acute otiti media for CRP and found it to be present in 54 M rino (1959) assessed the changes in CRP after elec trical timulation of the tonsils According to him, a negative test for CRP ex ludes focal tonsillar infection as a cause of distant pathological ma ifestations. After electrical stimulation of the tonsils, the test for

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Acute pansinusitis	20	4	16
Deviated nasal septum	51	1	50
Ozaena	14	—	14
Epistaxis	6	2	4
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Carcinoma of the hypopharynx	6	4	2
Total	819	117	702

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TABLE 1 *Size of air cell system (sq cm) as a function of age and sex (Rubensohn)*

	Age years														
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Boys	4.2	4.5	6 1	7 1	9.3	8 2	8.7	10 7	11 1	12.3	9.3	8.2	10.6	11 1	10.6
Girls	4.8	5.2	6 9	7.2	8.2	10.0	9 1	11 3	11 6	13.2	11 7	11 6	11.5	11 6	11 4
Together	4 7	4 8	6.5	7.2	8 6	8 9	9 1	10 9	11 4	12.7	10 1	9 9	11 0	11 4	12.7

Not included in the original, but calculated from the individual figures

years 6 68 sq cm The most recent average planimetric figures were published by Rubensohn (1965) from the Halmstad clinic the children studied varied in age from 1 to 15 years, the total of ears being 413 These figures for boys and girls separately and together are reproduced in Table 1

It can be seen from the table that the growth in size continues to a certain extent in both sexes up to the age of 15 years The difference in size of the age groups between 11 and 15 is almost negligible however the maximum average for girls is highest in the 15-year-old group These figures do not justify Rubensohn s claim, a claim originally put forward by Diamant (1940) and later by Diamant Rubensohn & Walander (1958) that pneumatization in girls is terminated at the age of 10 and in boys at the age of 15

The actual volume of the air cell system has been measured in a few studies only Silbiger (1950) investigated 200 specimens of both left and right sided healthy temporal bones from cadavers each specimen was sliced in two the halves embedded in wax weighed filled with water and weighed again This weight difference naturally parallels the volume of water needed to fill the air cells, and average air cell volumes of 10.2 cc cm ± 2 9 in men and 17 6 cc cm ± 2 6 in women were obtained for a pair of ears The mean right and left side volumes were similar in both sexes Single healthy ears thus had an average volume of 9 cc cm

Another study was recently carried out (1965) by Flisberg & Zsigmond in an attempt to measure the air cell volume in normal ears utilizing gas volumetry An average volume of 12 22 ± 0 70 cc cm was obtained with a planimetric average of 12 09 ± 0 81 sq cm for the same ears These values correspond quite well with Diamant s average planimetric figure 12–13 sq cm The authors claim a high correlation between area and volume and one of their graphs suggests that these figures are numerically about the same in diseased ears too although both area and volume are then clearly smaller than normal

In Silbiger's series, the smallest air cell volume for single ears was 2.5 cc and the largest volume 20.8 cc In Rubensohn s study the maximum plani

metric area was 24 sq cm and the smallest was 0 sq cm. While Diamant's theory implies that absent mastoid pneumatization is a genetically deter mi ed, fairly frequent normal variant, other workers maintain that absent pneumatization is caused by exogeneous influences, notably by inflamma tion of the middle ear in childhood An abnormally low pressure in the middle ear due to infection, or filling of the space with secretion, is com monly known to prevent the progress of mastoid pneumatization (Rüedi, 1937) Indeed, in cases with congenital anomalies, combined with absence of Eustachian tubes, air cells are found to be lacking although the parents may have normally pneumatized mastoids. Ojala's studies (1958) with chicken humerus also showed definite evidence of arrested pneumatization in the humerus if connections with its potential air cell space were surgically cut from the area with normal atmospheric pressure.

In a thorough study Rüedi (1937) divided pneumatization into two separate processes preformation of the bony middle ear cavity and antrum occurring during early embryonal development is followed by pneumatization proper when air cells develop around the antrum and continue to grow towards the limits of the preformed bony cavities. The term dissociated pneumatization was used by Rüedi to denote a pathological process it indicates that the air cell that had developed were still at a distance from the walls of the preformed bony cavities.

There is not very much disagreement regarding the size of the average n rmal air cell system, but pneumatization in infected ears is a highly controversial ubject Diamant having ascertained that the round, average air cell area was 12 + 3 sq cm in healthy persons, contrasted this with the average of 2.91 ± 0 27 sq cm in 275 chronically infected ears. This disparity he explained by saying that ears with a small air cell system are par ticularly prone to otiti media and that this is the very reason why selec ti n occurs He further supported his explanation by the fact that, in a series of 144 persons with acute otitis media, the air cell area was 0 71 ± 0 62 sq m or only about three-fourths of the normal size

What Diamant con idered the cause of otitis media i considered by most other ot logists, notably Tumarkin, a the result of otitis media. Thus otitic infections in childhood arrest normal pneumatization processes, nd only when the middle ar infection has resolved and normal at mosph ric conditions been restored, can air cell formati n continue. So it i understandable that, in a series of cases with acute otitis media the verage air cell siz may be somewhat smaller than in a corresponding ge group without ny hi t ry of middle ear disease. Indeed, Tumarkin has shown that rai ing of the li ing tandard of lum children with fre q ent infection result in a better resi tive tate and causes a decrea e in infection and increased size of the ma toid air cell system It is also a common finding that in inf nts with ma toid infection, air cell forma t n f il to start this w s demon trated for in tance by Mérei (1949) wh dealt with perated cases of nonresolved infection.

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TABLE 2. *Size and volume of mastoid cell system in 68 children's ears*

Case No.	Age	Size sq cm Air cells	Size sq cm Laminal limits	Volume cc	Case No.	Age	Size sq cm Air cells	Size sq cm Laminal limits	Volume cc
1	4 mo.	No X-ray		1.7	35	2 y	1.5	2.1	2.8
2	4 mo.	No X-rays		1.5	36	2 y	9.6	4.8	6.5
3	4 mo.	0.8	1.2	1.1	37	2 y	2.4	3.9	2.8
4	4 mo.	1.0	1.7	1.8	38	2 y	1.7	2.5	2.8
5	5 mo.	0.3	1.4	2.0	39	2 y	2.8	2.8	2.8
6	5 mo.	0.4	2.4	1.5	40	2 y	1.9	3.0	2.0
7	5 mo.	1.4	3.1	1.4	41	2 y	0.0	3.0	4.0
8	7 mo.	0.6	0.6	1.0	42	2 y	0.0	1.5	2.4
9	7 mo.	0.2	0.9	1.0	43	2 y	0.7	1.9	1.8
10	7 mo.	0.5	1.2	2.0	44	2 y	0.7	1.3	1.4
11	8 mo.	0.9	2.3	1.7	45	2 y	1.1	2.2	2.2
12	8 mo.	2.8	2.8	2.4	46	2 y	1.2	2.3	1.6
13	9 mo.	No X-ray		2.0	47	2 y	0.0	1.9	1.6
14	9 mo.	No X-ray		1.4	48	3 y	3.3	3.9	2.6
15	10 mo.	2.2	2.6	1.9	49	3 y	2.2	3.5	2.8
16	10 mo.	0.8	1.9	2.0	50	3 y	3.1	3.1	2.7
17	10 mo.	0.5	0.8	1.5	51	4 y	9.1	3.6	2.8
18	10 mo.	No X-ray		2.6	52	4 y	6.0	3.2	4.0
19	10 mo.	No X-ray		2.3	53	5 y	1.2	2.4	2.5
20	1 y	1.8	3.4	1.6	54	5 y	7.5	5.0	2.5
21	1 y	1.0	3.0	2.0	55	6 y	2.0	2.0	1.8
22	1 y	0.8	2.0	3.4	56	7 y	6.5	4.5	5.2
23	1 y	1.5	2.8	2.2	57	8 y	1.6	3.0	2.5
24	1 y	2.5	2.5	1.6	58	8 y	0.7	4.5	3.2
25	1 y	2.4	2.4	2.8	59	8 y	2.1	2.1	2.8
26	1 y	2.2	2.2	2.3	60	8 y	1.8	2.0	1.8
27	1 y	0.7	3.1	1.8	61	8 y	8.7	8.0	8.0
28	1 y	0.0	3.0	2.0	62	10 y	0.0	3.4	3.0
29	1 y	1.3	2.2	2.6	63	11 y	1.9	2.6	4.8
30	1 y	1.6	2.6	1.8	64	11 y	13.8	5.8	5.0
31	1 y	2.3	2.3	2.2	65	12 y	14.7	5.4	6.0
32	1 y	2.0	2.0	1.2	66	12 y	1.7	2.7	4.2
33	2 y	0.0	2.8	2.5	67	13 y	7.6	6.1	5.0
34	2 y	2.9	2.9	2.0	68	14 y	2.4	3.1	3.0

Of the patients were small children, under 3 years of age. In 6 ears in the age group below 1 year no preoperative roentgen films were available, and only volume measurements were made. In addition, we included 20 chronic ears of adult patients treated by radical mastoid operation, and 20 consecutive cases of clinical otosclerosis. All roentgen films were made in the normal lateral position.

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worthy that very small air cell systems are found in older children examples are cases 62 (0 sq cm) and 66 (1 7 sq cm) The corresponding laminal limits, however are higher 3 4 and 2 7 sq cm, with volumes of 3 0 and 4.2 cc respectively

Study of the anamnestic data on the duration of otitis shows that the overwhelming majority of ears in this series had been the site of many repeated and often long standing infections, which, even in the older children, dated back to the first year of life Exceptions are cases 36, 54 64 65 and 67 in which the ears had been healthy except for the present virulent attack resulting in acute mastoiditis and subperiosteal abscess in a matter of two or three days In these ears the air cell system measured by any of the three standards, was found to be much bigger than in the main group Older children with long standing infection (e.g cases 62, 63, 66) however showed air cells only around the antrum, the mastoid being otherwise sclerotic The volume in these cases was also occasionally small there was no need to do extensive drilling since the sclerotic new bone had bliterated all pe laInal cells.

In 20 chronic ears subjected to radical mastoid operation, the preoperative average air-containing cell area measured 4.8 ± 5.3 sq cm. When also obliterated cells were included in the measurement, the average area increased to 6.7 ± 5 1 sq cm The corresponding laminal limits figure was 8 6 ± 2 1 sq cm Postoperatively the area of the operative cavity averaged to 9.3 ± 4 7 sq cm, while the average volume was 5.5 ± 2 0 cc.

In 20 ears with otosclerosis, the pneumatized area measured 20.2 ± 5.5 sq cm, and the laminal limits area was clearly smaller 10.5 ± 3.5 sq cm. However among these 20 consecutive cases there were 2 patients who had had several attacks of otiti media in childhood The middle ears eventually became normal but the mastoid healed with sclerosis. In these ears the pneumatized rea was clearl maller (1 and 3 4 sq cm) than in cases with no history of middle ear infections the corresponding laminal limits figures were close to the verage viz. and 10.5 sq cm

DISCUSSION

Comparison of the three groups of figures in Table 2 reveals certain interesting finding Although, in the young age groups, the average figures indicating the size of the air cell and that of the bony space, limited by laminae are f the sam magnitude th latter figure is significantly larger than the f rmer in infants and in 1 year-old children In 2 year-old children there is no *statistically* ignificant difference between the two averages (Table 3) Th laminal limit figure e pres ing the area in sq cm, in all groups parallel that f volume in cc (Fig 1 Table 3)

These d ta seem t indicate clearly that if otitis st rts early pneumatization processes are rrested at th outset, and the preformed bony space, indicated by the figures of lamin l limit or of v lume is clearly larger

TABLE 3 *Average size and volume in three age groups*

Age	No. of cases	Average size (sq. cm) Air cells	Laminal limits	s.r of means	Significance level (P)	Volume cc
<1 year	13	0.9±0.8	1 7±0 8	0.3	0.0125	1 7
1–2 years	13	1 6±0.8	2 6±0.4	0 25	0 0003	2.0
2 3 years	15	1 8±2.3	2.6±1 9	0 8	0.15	2.6

made utilizing the bony laminae and the ear canal wall and the mastoid tip as extreme limits and the size of this area was again determined with the planimeter In chronic adult ears two measurements were made preoperatively the area of air-containing cells and the area in which air cells (even if occluded) were thought still to be present were measured roentgen examination was repeated postoperatively and the area of the operative cavity was outlined and measured with the planimeter After completion of the simple mastoid operation and creation of a cavity the patient s head was turned sideways and the volume of the mastoid cavity determined with saline solution This measurement of course also included the mastoid antrum but excluded the middle ear and ear canal In radical mastoid cavities, on the other hand volume measurement included the middle ear and the bony part of the auditory canal The experimental error on repeated measurements on children s ears did not exceed one-tenth of a milliliter

RESULTS

The cases with simple mastoidectomy are arranged according to age in Table 2 and the three figures obtained on the basis of different measurements are shown side by side The average values for the largest three age groups are also shown in Table 3

In the group of 13 infant ears, the measurable air cell area is small with an average of 0 9 sq cm The laminal limits area is nearly twice as large 1 7 sq cm the volume measurements correlate very closely (average 1 7 cc) with this figure

A similar relationship is seen in 13 ears of 1 year-old children in whom the average air cell area increased to 1 6 sq cm The average laminal limits areal figure is 2 6 sq cm the volume measured is somewhat smaller 2 0 cc. In 2 year-old children the figures are of the same general magnitude but the laminal limits area and the volume show the same average 2 6 The groups of older children are so much smaller that average figures cannot be usefully employed There are individual cases (3-year old group) in which all three figures are of the same order and some in which air cell size greatly exceeds both the laminal limits value and the volume This is particularly evident in the two 4 year-old children as well as in one child of 11 years and another of 12 years It is also note-



Fig. 2. A case of right-sided acute mastoiditis in a 9-year-old girl. In the healthy left ear [illegible] there is extensive pneumatization (air cell area 33.1 sq cm, laminal limit 14.4 sq cm). In the right ear (lower) the outlines of the cell system are still [illegible] in spite of extensive bony breakdown (air cell area 32.5 sq cm, laminal limit 11.8 sq cm, [illegible] 14 cc). There was marked bone destruction but also some osteoblastic activity and new bone formation even if the history was no longer than 7 days.

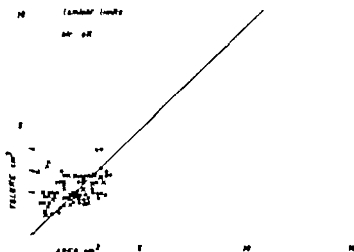


FIG 1 Relation of area (sq cm) to volume (cc) in 68 imple mast idectomies n 63 children It appears th t very small air cell areas correlate with clearly bigger volumes, while the volum is of the same order as the laminal limit figure In some well pneumatized ears with acut mast iditis, however th air cell area i much bigger than is the corre ponding volum or th lamin l limits are

than the pneumatized area In growing children after initial periods of normal pneumatization the two areal figures may not show statistically significant differences (2 year-old group) although the area of pneumatiza tion is smaller than the other values, and much smaller than the values in normal series

The parallelism between the area of laminal limits in sq cm and the volume in cc is evident also in older children, but our case material is limited in these groups In a few cases however the area of the air cells clearly exceeds the other two figures even doubly Thus in two of the older children the air cell area was over 13 sq cm whereas the direct volume measure was 5 and 6 cc This is explained by the fact that although pneumatization may be extensive in a lateral x ray it lacks depth in the area over the sigmoid plate, being often only a few millilitres in thickness accordingly its contribution to the volume is limited Only in those cases in which the sigmoid plate is situated deep down can the measured volume reach figures exceeding 10 cc

The volumes obtained earlier in normal adult series by Silbiger (about 9 cc) and Flisberg *et al* (about 12 cc) are clearly larger than those reported in this study One of the reasons is naturally that we dealt with children s ears the few operations performed on fully pneumatized non infected adult ears e.g because of traumatic facial palsy show larger volumes reaching the figures of Silbiger The maximum obtained by us is 22 cc Since the study of Flisberg *et al* with the gas volumetric method included also the tympanum and the bony Eustachian tube there is no marked difference in the magnitude of the figures

Another explanation of the smaller volume figures in adult cases subjected to radical mastoidectomy is that the area above and posterior to



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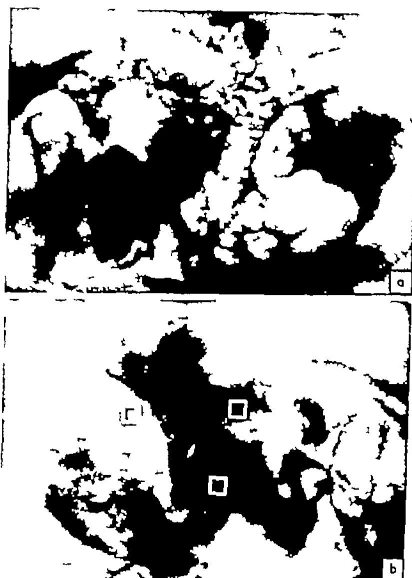


Fig. 3. A case of chronic otitis (onset 1.7 years) in the right ear of a 50-year-old farmer whose left ear had always been normal. Pneumatization was well developed in the left ear (*upper*) and very poor in the right (open air cells 1.1 sq. cm., obliterated cells 7.4 sq. cm., laminal limit 8.0 sq. cm.). At operation obliterated cells were found at the mastoid tip and posterior to the sigmoid sinus which proved that absence of pneumatization was due to a sclerosing process in a mastoid, well pneumatized prior to infection. The volume of the operation cavity was 5.6 cc. and the area of the cavity 8.0 sq. cm. Squares indicate the sites of tissue specimens for histological study.

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likely t contract titi media if th tube becomes "locked since the reservoir of air in the air cell 1 smaller than in a well pneumatized ma t 11 We quite agree and so do most tudents of pneumatization, that a poorly functi ning Eu tachi n tube i the key to the problem, but we f ll t recognize how this can possibly be linked up with the ize of the cell ystem to uch a degree On the contrary one would say that, when repeated and often long tanding nasopharyngeal infecti ns cause obstruc tion f the tube and generally infect also the middle ear the ear stands v ry poor chance of being pneumatized as compared with a healthy ear The middle ears in ur 2 cases of otosclerosis with arrested pneumatiza tion due t ses re otiti media a hildren, fu ctioned equally well as the ontralateral ear with normal pneumatization.

In the case of sclerotic poorly pn umatized ma toids there appear to be two main f ctors that contribute to this end result One is the presence of a generally long-standing infection in the nasal pharynx in childhood, le ding t negati pressure in the middle ear serous otiti media, and infection ll cau ing a halt in air c ll formation Another is otitis media and mastoiditis tarting at ny age without a ignificant previous history



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of disease A fairly well pneumatized mastoid will then become the site of simultaneous bone destruction and new bone formation processes the air cells already existing may be filled with granulation tissue and later collagen, and may eventually be converted into dense acellular bone In the later stages air-containing cells are not seen except possibly in the vicinity of the antrum where they remain open longest If mastoiditis occurs at an early age and the ear heals without operation the lying down of new bone causes the development of a sclerosed mastoid (T Palva *et al* 1964) which effectively prevents further pneumatization even if the normalized tube and middle ear would otherwise allow this process to continue

If one measures the air cell area at the sclerotic stage before operation, without knowing the size of the air space before the onset of disease the figure may be misleading and only represent the sclerotic mastoid, which we know has a small air cell area Fig 3 illustrated such a case the healthy left ear showed normal pneumatization while the diseased ear had arrested pneumatization microscopic examination however revealed occluded air cells new bone formation, and cells filled with collagen The finding of absent pneumatization thus indicates only the end result in a previously pneumatized ear a result of mastoid infection and entirely unrelated to a genetically determined lack of pneumatization

In another paper Flisberg *et al* suggest *that an air chamber should be* created in the mastoid by operation in cases lacking accessory air spaces. *This is contrary to all clinical experience in chronic ear surgery* In simple mastoidectomies we have (T Palva *et al* 1964) for 15 years occluded the antrum and separated it from the middle ear by means of a musculoperiosteal flap In spite of this, there have been no difficulties in achieving postoperative good hearing if the adhesive changes in the middle ear are not extensive enough to prevent the restoration of hearing Even without a musculoperiosteal flap the antrum and its extensions will be filled with collagen in the great majority of cases and will not provide any accessory middle ear air space

Similarly our present *series of over 600 cases testifies that in chronic* ear surgery routine occlusion of the antrum and its separation from the middle ear *does in* no way reduce the good functional end result provided the middle ear spaces are normal If the middle ear is grossly diseased *and* tubal function poor the presence of an accessory air space in the mastoid cannot help in the re-establishment of normal middle ear function adhesions are likely to form if no permanent separation, e g a paraffin prosthesis, is employed

FIG. 5 Biopsy from the perla tral rea whi h in Fig 3 h wed some radi tra lucency Microscopically absence f bo i noted a d it place h bee t ken b dense fibro connecti e tissue containing many *pithell* m ll ed m ll ca ities, represe ting re t of former air cell epithelium. ×150



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Regarding mastoid pneumatization the evidence obtained in this study of planimetric and volumetric measurements seems to warrant certain conclusions If infection starts in infancy there is arrested pneumatization at the time of operation and the air cell area is clearly smaller than is the area limited by laminae, that should be pneumatized at that age Correspondingly the volume is also bigger than the areal figure If these ears heal without operation new bone formation with subsequent sclerosis may form an effective barrier to further pneumatization even if conditions in the middle ear become normal

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Die pneumatischen Zellen im Warzenfortsatz wurden präoperativ in 68 Ohren von Kindern vermessen und nach Mastoidektomie wurde das Volumen der Höhle bestimmt Eine andere planimetrische Messung wurde durchgeführt wobei der Boden der mittleren Schädelgrube und die Aussenwand des Sinus sigmoides die Grenzen bildeten Dieser Raum entsprach zahlenmässig gut dem Volumen der Kavität aber in den Ohren von Kleinkindern war die Ausdehnung der pneumatischen Zellen signifikant kleiner Verschiedene Faktoren sind verantwortlich für die ausbleibende oder mangelhafte Pneumatisation des Warzenfortsatzes wenn in der Kindheit eine Infektion auftritt kommt die Pneumatisation nicht in Gang oder sie ist gehemmt bis im Mittelohr wieder normale Verhältnisse herrschen Mastoiditis im Kleinkindesalter kann zur Neubildung von Knochen und infolgedessen zu Sklerose des Warzenfortsatzes führen und die Bildung von lufthaltigen Zellen vermag diese Barriere nicht zu durchbrechen auch wenn das Mittelohr wieder normal wird In einem gut pneumatisierten Ohr führt ständige Infektion im Warzenfortsatz zu Obliteration der bereits vorhandenen Zellen und das Endergebnis ist das gleiche wie in den Fällen von primär gehemmter Pneumatisation

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Regarding mastoid pneumatization the evidence obtained in this study of planimetric and volumetric measurements seems to warrant certain conclusions If infection starts in infancy there is arrested pneumatization at the time of operation and the air cell area is clearly smaller than is the area, limited by laminae, that should be pneumatized at that age Correspondingly the volume is also bigger than the areal figure If these ears heal without operation new bone formation with subsequent sclerosis may form an effective barrier to further pneumatization even if conditions in the middle ear become normal

If infection starts later after normal periods of pneumatization and the patient is operated on because of mastoiditis, the area occupied by air cells, even if not air-containing by reason of infection, is clearly larger than are the figures for laminal limits or volume If the disease becomes chronic and continues for many years, then much of the peripheral originally pneumatized area is transformed into solid bone with no air cells the planimetric air cell figure then no longer represents the area at one time pneumatized but only expresses the end result To use this figure as a measure of pneumatization is totally misleading Therefore we feel that the ideas earlier expressed by Rüedi Tumarkin and many others, to the effect that exogenic factors are dominant in mastoid pneumatization are justified It would not be feasible to assign a decisive role to endogenic in utero factors It is obvious, however that some endogenic factors are involved the position of the temporal dura and that of the sigmoid sinus, which are more or less endogeneously determined affect particularly the volume measurements but only in a very rare case can their influence be great enough to cause absence of mastoid pneumatization

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Die pneumatischen Zellen im Warzenfortsatz wurden präoperativ in 68 Ohren von Kindern vermessen und nach Mastoidektomie wurde das Volumen der Höhle bestimmt. Eine andere planimetrische Messung wurde durchgeführt wobei der Boden der mittleren Schädelgrube und die Aussenwand des Sinus sigmoides die Grenzen bildeten Dieser Raum entsprach zahlenmässig gut dem Volumen der Kavität, aber in den Ohren von Kleinkindern war die Ausdehnung der pneumatischen Zellen signifikant kleiner Verschiedene Faktoren sind verantwortlich für die ausbleibende oder mangelhafte Pneumatisation des Warzenfortsatzes wenn in der Kindheit eine Infektion auftritt kommt die Pneumatisation nicht in Gang, oder sie ist gehemmt bis im Mittelohr wieder normale Verhältnisse herrschen Mastoiditis im Kleinkindesalter kann zur Neubildung von Knochen und infolgedessen zu Sklerose des Warzenfortsatzes führen und die Bildung von lufthaltigen Zellen vermag diese Barriere nicht zu durchbrechen auch wenn das Mittelohr wieder normal wird In einem gut pneumatisierten Ohr führt ständige Infektion im Warzenfortsatz zu Obliteration der bereits vorhandenen Zellen und das Endergebnis ist das gleiche wie in den Fällen von primär gehemmter Pneumatisation

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Procedure for positioning the subject (Fig. 1)

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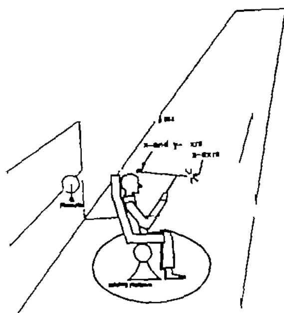


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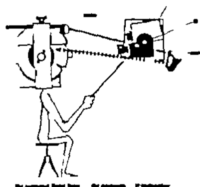


Fig. 2. Test subject with supporti g and rigid fi tion devices (chi nd head pport, plates which ca be screwed idew y in both directions, girdl t constrai the tru k, etc) Indicator (I) camera (C) and ill mination box (B)

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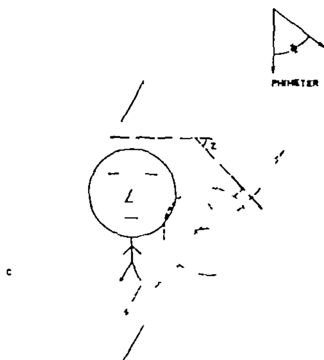


Fig. 4 Test subject heading forwards (*HF*) nd in erect positi n, the median sagittal plane being introduced as plane of reference. I thi position, the interest is concentrated on the pparent changes in the rolling plane (*Z* axis)

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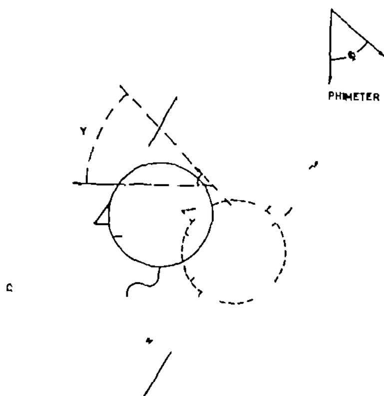


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an erect position (chair not tilted Fig 3) slow acceleration of the centri fuge induces a sensation of being "tilted outwards" at the same time as the visual stimulus presented seems to move upwards (along the Y axis) Both with respect to the acting resulting force and to the subject s estimates, the (vertically set) frontal plane is suitable as reference plane

B When the subject faces forwards (HF) in the direction of motion of the centrifuge seated vertically he will chiefly experience a sense of sidewise and outward tilt (*Z* axis) with the same effect on the visual stimulus (Fig 4) The (vertically set) median sagittal plane can be used as plane of reference

Furthermore the testing procedure permits great variations in the initial position of the subject and particularly of his head He can be tilted back wards, forwards sideways and positioned with his back against the centre of the centrifuge (heading centrifugal = HCf) in varying degrees When tilted the amount of tilt is given as the angle formed by the plane of reference to the physical vertical

Recording of accelerative conditions

The actual direction (angle Φ) of the stimulus, i.e., the resultant force is expressed by means of the phimeter which has been described in previous articles

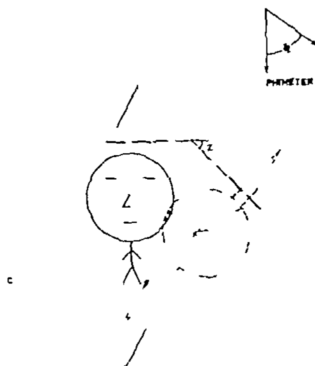


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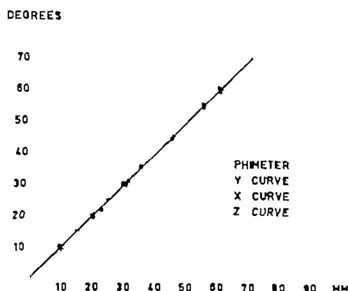


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rpm	Φ Mean	S.D
0	0	0
2	1 90	0 15
4	8 01	0 95
6	16 33	0 34
8	30 26	0 85
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12	53 81	0 70
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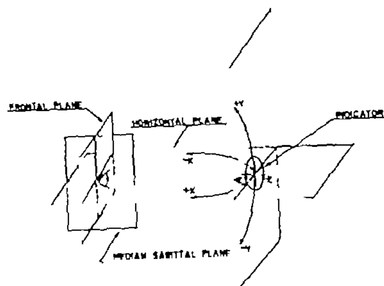


FIG. 4. Sketch showing free movements along the three axes of the indicator and the planes where these movements occur. The corresponding denotation is applied for the movements of the eye.

2. *Recording Techniques*

Registration of the subjective response

The combined experimental aims required improvements in the technique previously described. In this, the tests were based solely on the apparent deviation (in the rolling plane) of the indicator from the horizontal. When returning the indicator to a "horizontal" position, the subject indicated a certain angle which expressed his opinion of the change in respect to a certain direction of the resultant force.

These intermittent settings were replaced by a continuous recording, synchronous with data from the phimeter. The following psychophysical precautions were taken. To avoid the subject being influenced by the position of the indicator in stating his estimations, an automatic switch turned the light source of the indicator on and off (3 sec light and 3 sec darkness). During the period of darkness, this was offset by the examiner (these offsets were naturally not recorded). Consequently the subject was not influenced in his actual estimate by his previous adjustment.

It is known that the subject—in addition to the change in the view of the horizontal—experiences other sensations of a change in space of the observed object (sideways, head- and footwards). This made it desirable to record these displacements also along the two other possible axes. The recording apparatus was therefore equipped with two more pivoting shafts, both placed at the point of support of the indicator arm, slightly in front of the eyes' central axis (Fig. 2). This gave the indicator unit a greater

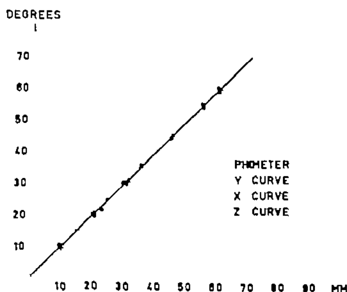


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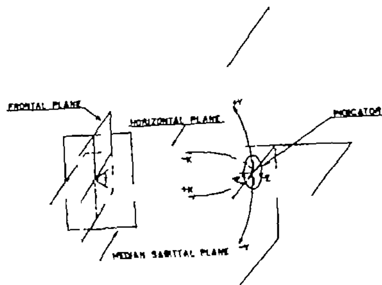


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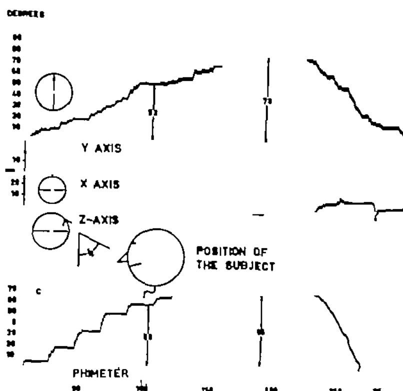


FIG. 7 Recorded subject's response of the test subject heading centripetally (*HCp*) and with ut initial tilt At th bott m is shown th angular deflexi n of the phimeter The arrows indic te the directi n of th apparent di placement and the Y X and Z curves repres nt thi displacement in th re pective axis.

freedom of movement within the field of vision (Fig 6) Thus, the procedure indicates the apparent displacements and directional changes of the visual object not only in the rolling plane (*Z* axis) but also head and footwards (Y axis) and sideways (X axis)

The apparatus for transferring the subject's indications (i e., his action in restoring the indicator to the initial horizontal position) operates along the same lines as the phimeter Direct measurements must be carried out by using goniometer and level to check the consistency of the indicator position (expressed in angles referred to an initial position) and the corresponding photokymographic registration Here too accurate calibra tion is necessary to ensure that a given angular displacement of the in dicator along any of three axes is exactly equalled by a pr portional dis placement of the recorder Fig) shows that this occurs in the three pos sibilities X Y and *Z*

Interpretation of the subjective recordings

Independently of the selected position in relation to the centre of the centrifuge the subject experiences an apparent movement or directional change of the observed indicator He is instructed to keep this in the posi tion in space it occupied before the centrifuge was started i e., to restore

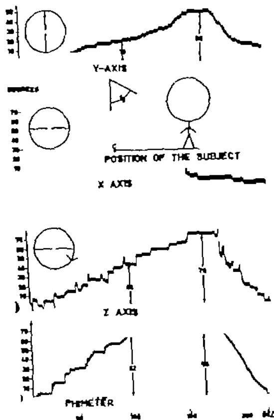


Fig. 8. Recorded subjective responses for test subject heading forwards (*HF*) and in vertical position. At the bottom, the stepwise increasing angle Φ ("phimeter"). The arrow indicates that the apparent turn in the rolling plane (Z axis) progresses in clockwise direction and that the subject reports movement headwards (Y axis). There are practically no changes sideways (X axis). All these reports are recorded quantitatively.

the indicator to its initial position. His readjustments originate in fact from two *concepts*: his opinion of "horizontal" and his "initial" position, and his responses are represented on the subjective recordings by the three curves, denoted as *X*, *Y* and *Z*. The direction of each movement or directional change is indicated by using suitable signs in accordance with the system 2 in the NASA Life Science Data Book, June 1962. Consequently a movement in a headward or in an outward direction or a turn in a clockwise direction, is registered as a "positive" change. A footward or an inward directed apparent movement, or a turn in a counterclockwise direction is denoted by a negative sign (Fig. 6). Information about these subjective changes is given in Fig. 7 (subject heading centripetal, chair erect) and Fig. 8 (subject heading forwards, chair erect) where the three curves (*X*, *Y* and *Z*) represent, both in direction and quantitatively, the various

movements and directional changes of the indicator in relation to an initial horizontal position which he has set before the start

When observing such a curve, one should note that the recording procedure also gives information about the possible oculogyral illusion (V curve) Thus it reveals whether there has been any angular acceleration sufficiently strong to stimulate the semicircular canals, and produce a sensation of turn

An approximate determination can also be made of the amount of angular acceleration delivered between two times during a test period on the basis of measurements on the phimeter curve (Φ)

Finally the subjective recordings permit the mutual relation to be followed between the responses and the stimulus (the resultant force defined by its direction and its magnitude) referred to the same plane of reference of the head

Objective registration of the ocular changes

A film camera directed on the *left eye* records its behaviour during the various phases of the test procedure, to introduce an objective additional recording element Because total darkness is an absolute requirement the filming is made with IR sensitive film The position of the camera is shown in Fig 2 We used a Paillard H 16 RKV with a parallax free finder of mirror reflex type The optical unit consisted of a 2 8/75 mm objective with a 20 mm adapter The opening was set at 8 and the speed was 24 squares/sec corresponding to an exposure of 1/45 sec. The distance between the focal plane and the left eye was 30 cm

The camera was provided with an electric motor which could be remotely switched on and off from the control room a fact of the greatest importance for identifying the ocular changes with the subjective recording

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7.5	1.008	45	1.4
10	1.01	50	1.5
15	1.03	55	1.7
20	1.06	60	1.9
25	1.10	65	2.3
		70	2.8

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When determining the changes which ha e occurred between two frames, the techniqu is different for the three axes. The simplest way to measure the displacement along the X and Y axes i to superimpose the photograph

movements and directional changes of the indicator in relation to an initial *horizontal* position which he has set before the start

When observing such a curve one should note that the recording procedure *also gives information about the possible oculogyral illusion* (A curve) Thus it reveals whether there has been any angular acceleration *sufficiently strong to stimulate the semicircular canals, and produce* a sensation of turn

An approximate determination can *also be made of the amount of* angular acceleration delivered between two times during a test period, on the basis of measurements on the phimeter curve (Φ)

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$$a = \frac{360}{2\pi r} A = 5 A$$

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RESUMÉ

Les auteurs décri ent une méthode permettant l'enregistrement suivant trois xes (X, Y et Z) d déplacement dans l'espace d'un obj t faiblement visible présenté à un sujet pri é d a tre part de toutes références visuelles, tandi que celui-ci est soumis à des champs de force de direction et de puissanc va iables. Par le moyen d un technique de filmage à l'infra-rouge Il est possible à chaque moment de l'expérience de déterminer d une manière pproximative les change ments de direction (mou ements de compensation) de l'œil sui ant les mêmes trois axes, et par là même d mettre en rapport ces changements ec les per ceptions de déplacement enregistrées simultanément dan les mêmes conditions dynamiques. La méthod est soumise da s ses différentes parties à une évaluation critique

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When determining the torsional changes in the rolling plane, the measuring technique is also based on the fact that the pupil is maximally dilated and in addition not absolutely circular in shape In fact two diameters of one and the same pupil placed at right angles to each other reveal a difference of about 1 mm This difference, which is clearly visible when the picture is enlarged added to the recurring details in the sclerae iris and pupil permits an adequate comparison of the rolling changes which have occurred between two frames A certain roll from one enlarged picture *A* to another *B* is directly determined by superimposing the two pictures exactly and then measuring the angle formed between the line joining the two invariable landmarks.

Conversion of the measured displacement of the pupillary centre into torsional movement

In order to compare the ocular changes with the recorded subjective data it is desirable to be able to work with the same system of units The phimeter deflexion the subjective responses and the ocular torsions in the rolling plane are obtained without any special computations directly in angular units (degrees) This does not apply to the head and footward and sideways displacements of the eye which are obtained as distances on the greatly enlarged pictures By means of the knowledge of the magnification from the anatomical eye to picture the measured values can be reduced to the dimension of the eye and will present the real ocular displacement with great accuracy but in a plane whereas these changes actually represent torsional movements

With slight variations, the human eye constitutes an almost perfect sphere having an average radius of 11–12 mm The measured displacement of the centre of the pupil from one picture to another reduced to the anatomical eye (distance *A*) can be equalled to the arc length in the spherical surface An angle α corresponds to this arc length and constitutes the ocular torsion along the respective axis As this angle is assumed to be very small there is in fact an inappreciable difference between 1 and the corresponding arc length

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MARRIAGES BETWEEN THE DEAF AND HEREDITARY DEAFNESS IN FINLAND

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According to the 1950 population census, Finland has 130.7 deaf per 100,000 inhabitants, which must be regarded as quite high figure. A study was conducted in 1961–1965 of marriages between two deaf persons. They totalled 536 in June 1961 and 534 of them were covered by this study. The 534 marriages between deaf partners produced 1126 children, an average of 2.3 per marriage. This is appreciably lower than the general level in the country. Childless marriages accounted for 17 per cent. Of the children born of the marriages, 4.6 per cent were deaf. To establish genetic deafness, a family tree was compiled for each proband in the material. It extended backward to at least the third generation and included the children of the probands. Rosin's statistical method was used to test the genealogical analysis. The genetic analysis revealed that 52 per cent of the isolated cases were genetic.

It is possible under the current law in Finland for two deaf persons to marry without permission of the President of the Republic only if the deafness of at least one of the partners is non-genetic. The practice is thus quite different from that in e.g. the other Nordic countries. More liberal legislation has been deliberated in recent years in Finland and Bill has been introduced to allow two deaf persons to marry freely when no other health obstacles are involved than genetic deafness. As no major study of hereditary deafness has been conducted in Finland, an investigation was required from the legislative standpoint if no other.

A study of the prevalence of deafness was published in Finland over fifty years ago (Björkqvist 1916). According to it the number of deaf in 1880–1912 was 11.2–11.6 per 10 000 inhabitants. Information supplied by the Central Statistical Office of Finland from the 1950 population census gave the number of deaf or deaf mute " as 5338. As the population of Finland at the end of 1949/beginning of 1950 was 4,00 ,082, the number of the deaf per 100,000 inhabitants was 130. This is slightly higher than the figures reported by Björkqvist for 1880–1912. According to information received from the Association of the Deaf in Finland there are in our country 4500 deaf persons who have attended a school for the deaf. However persons who only became deaf at a later age must be added to

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Norway	1930	53
France	1916	47
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United States	1930	46

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Poliomyelitis	18	3.3
Maternal diseases during pregnancy	15	2.7
Birth traumata	14	2.5
Diphteria	7	1.3
Syphilis	7	1.3
Mumps	3	
Variola	3	
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Selected for the investigation material were all families living in Finland in June 1961 in which both parents were deaf These families totalled 556 but 2 families emigrated in the course of the investigation The final material thus consisted of 554 marriages between two deaf spouses The percentage of marriages between the deaf in Finland that was covered by the investigation was thus 99 6 However as will be seen later sufficient data for the genetic study were not obtained on all of them Of the marriages, 507 were marriages in which both spouses were alive in 47 of them one spouse had died The basic material thus included 1061 persons These persons were born in 1870–1943, and at the time of investigation the majority were 40–60 years of age At the time of the investigation 645 persons (60 8 per cent) were at least 42 years old and the number of children in most of the families can thus be regarded as practically final The number of marriages between the deaf varied greatly in different parts of the country The number was smallest on the southern cost of Finland in the administrative district round Helsinki (12 1 per 100 000 inhabitants) and highest in the administrative district of Vaasa (32 0 per 100 000 inhabitants)

BASIC STUDY

A Probands

Proband in this study denotes deaf persons who intermarried The data in the following thus refer to the conditions in their childhood home

A total of 874 of the persons studied came from farming or worker families the farming families constituted the largest occupational group (49.2 per cent) The mother s age at the time of the child s birth was 21–30 years in over half of the cases (53 4 per cent) and over 40 in only 5 4 per cent The material included only two parturients aged over 45 It is important for the genetic study to know the total number of children

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3	141	13.7	12	13	1.2
4	150	14.3	13	8	0.8
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3	9	0.8
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5	1	
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TABLE 9 *Testing the h value by the Chi test The probable incidence of exogenous cases e was 0.37*

s	n_s	$E(n(I))$	$O(N(L))$	$O-E$	χ^2
2	97	88.6	91	+2.4	0.69
3	122	102.8	114	+11.2	6.55
4	142	112.2	103	−9.2	2.81
5	116	86.9	88	+1.1	0.01
6	131	94.3	103	+8.7	2.06
7	119	83.2	84	0.8	0.02
8	89	61.1	62	+0.9	0.03
9	80	54.4	55	0.6	0.01
10	40	27.1	25	−2.1	0.31
11	33	22.4	21	−1.4	0.18
12	14	9.[illegible]	7	−2.8	1.39

$\chi^2_{(10)} = 14.14$
$P < 0.20$

TABLE 10 *Material treated by the Chi test*

s		Number of sibling series: One deaf, Established	One deaf, Expected	Several deaf, Established	Several deaf, Expected	χ^2
2	97	91	88.72	6	8.28	0.025
3	122	114	103.35	8	18.63	6.043
4	142	103	113.06	39	29.14	3.337
5	116	88	87.67	28	28.33	0.384
6	131	103	95.30	28	35.70	1.641
7	119	84	81.28	35	31.72	0.226
8	89	62	61.97	27	27.03	0.000
	80	55	55.19	25	24.81	0.000
10	40	25	27.52	15	12.48	0.406
11	33	21	22.75	12	10.25	0.299
12	14	7	9.71	7	4.29	
13	9	8	6.29	1	2.71	
14	6	4	4.23	—	1.77	
15	3	2	2.14	1	0.86	0.032
16	1		0.72	1	0.28	
17		—	—	—	—	
18	1	—	0.71	1	0.28	
19		—	—	—	—	
20	1	1	0.75	—	0.25	
	1004	770				

$\chi^2_{(10)} = 13.035$
$P < 0.20$

deaf persons and the probands in the genetic study totalled 1194 In 47 families one of the spouses had died before the beginning of the genetic study

To establish genetic deafness, a genealogical tree was drawn for each proband in the material It extended backwards for at least three generations and included the children of the probands The genealogical trees went back temporally to the 18th century However the annotation concerning deafness or other corresponding defects rating from this time are deficient or lacking completely

The heredity of deafness in the family of each proband was assessed from the family trees The district of residence of the deaf person s family *and the prevalence of deafness in the region in question were also con*sidered If a definite area of isolation was involved it was considered to sustain the possibility that deafness is inherited

The statistical method evolved by Rosin (1903) was used in support of the genealogical tree analysis This method is, however applicable only to cases in which both parents of the proband have their hearing and there has been more than one child in the proband s sibling series The part of the material that remained outside the statistical study was so small and heterogeneous that there was no point in analysing it by other statistical methods No reliable results could have been achieved because of the small number of similar cases

The exogenous value h was calculated first by Rosin s statistical method The expected values for the deaf vis à vis the sibling series of the probands in accordance with the Chi test were calculated by means of *h* The expected values were calculated from the following formula

$$F = \frac{n\,\frac{s-1}{p_s} + h}{(1-q^s)/s + h}$$

In addition to the above values *e* which illustrates the probable prevalence of exogenous cases in the population was calculated from the formula

$$e = \frac{4h}{1+4h}\ m$$

Results

It was seen from the family trees that both parents of 20 probands were deaf and one parent of 13 *probands was deaf It was possible to regard* deafness as recessively inherited in these cases Moreover two cases were established in which recessive deafness had obviously been caused by two different genes independently *definite dominant inheritance was stated* in one case only No sex linked hereditary deafness was encountered

A total of 303 probands (34 8 per cent of the total material) had rela

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11	33	22.4	21	−1 4	0 18
12	14	9 6	7	−2 5	1.38

$\chi^2_{(11)} = 14.11$
$P < 0.30$

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x		Number of sibling series				
		One deaf		Several deaf		
		Established	Expected	Established	Expected	χ^2
2	97	91	85 72	6	8.28	
3	122	114	103.35	8	18.65	0.628
4	142	103	112 86	39	29 14	0.082
5	116	88	87.67	28	28.33	3.337
6	131	103	95.30	28	35.70	0.381
7	119	84	84.28	3[illegible]	34 72	1.661
8	89	62	61 97	27	27.03	0 226
9	80	55	55.19	2[illegible]	24.81	0.000
10	40	25	27 52	1	12 48	0 000
11	33	21	22.75	12	10.25	0.406
12	11	7	9 71	7	4 29	0.299
13	9	8	6.29	1	2.71	
14	6	6	4.23	—	1 77	
15	3	2	2.14	1	0.86	
16	1	—	0.72	1	0.28	0 032
17	—	—	—	—	—	
18	1	—	0.74	1	0.26	
19	—	—	—	—	—	
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$\chi^2_{(11)} = 13.055$
$P < 0.20$

tions who were deaf or hard of hearing In 15 cases the parents of the *proband had been closely related The limit of close kinship in this study* was set at 3 cousinship

The number of probands accepted for statistical analysis was 1004 The cases in which the proband s parents had been deaf and the proband had been the only child were omitted Cases in which the necessary informa tion on the siblings of the proband had not been obtained were also omitted

The exogenous value h was 0 148 The fitness of this value was tested by the Chi method and the P value obtained was $< 0\ 30$ The result is given in Table 9

The fitness of the material for the recessive formula of inheritance was tested by the Chi method and the expected values corrected by h (Table 10)

The value of P at 10 degrees of freedom was 0 30 By Rosin s method, e was 0.37 m in the present work M represents the incidence of anomaly *in the population There were, thus 37 per cent exogenous cases in the* material In 770 cases the parents of the deaf had been able to hear and the proband was the only deaf sibling The 37 per cent refers to the total *of 1004* probands i e the number of exogenous cases is 372 As the above-mentioned isolated cases (the proband the only deaf sibling) was 770 372 cases gives a ratio of 48 per cent in all If we assume that all the cases in which there were other deaf *siblings* in addition to the proband are genetic we arrive at the finding that 48 per cent are exogenous

DISCUSSION

The sibling series of the probands in the present study was fairly *large* an average of 0 *children These series have been smaller in other corre-*sponding studies Rosin (1963) obtained a mean of 5 children in his study of Pfänder s material and the same averages for Stevenson s and Cheese man s material The largest family sizes in these studies, too, were 12–13 children whereas the largest sibling series in the present study was 20 Comparison of the number of deaf with the number of all siblings in the proband families showed that 23.3 per cent of all the siblings in the study were deaf This concurs with corresponding findings in earlier works

The present material included 26 probands with both parents deaf All the siblings of the probands had also been deaf in these cases Cases in which only one of the proband s parents had been deaf numbered 7 and these families had had a total of 17 children of which 12 were deaf All these cases quite obviously involved recessive deafness

The material included only one definite case of dominant deafness and no sex linked hereditary deafness was established Two cases involved an obvious recessive deafness caused by two different genes

The exogenous value h was 0 148 $h = 0.273$ was obtained by Rosin (1963)

from a Swiss material and $h = 0.071$ was established for Northern Ireland. The h value in the present study falls between them The value $e = 0.37$ m in the present study also falls between those reported by Rosin, i e $e = 0.32$ m and $e = 0.22$ m

Further comparison of the values revealed that 75 per cent of the isolates in the Swiss material and 48 per cent in the Nothern Irish material were exogenous the latter is the same as the result obtained here.

The application of Rosin s method to the Finnish material involved a few potential errors. Cases in which the sibling series included other deaf besides the proband are assumed to be genetic in this method But in the Finnish material the family size was larger than in the Central European studies. The possibility that as many as 2 children deaf for exogenous reasons might be included in the same sibling series thus grows slightly especially as the public health work in the rural districts was still fairly small at the beginning of the century around the time of birth of the probands Another factor of error is that recessive deafness is caused by at lea t two different genes independently though this cannot be a very great error considered as a whole The finding that a little over a half of the cases were of genetic origin can therefore probably be considered to be correct In Rosin s (1963) study about 50 per cent of the cases in Switzerland and about 78 per cent in Northern Ireland were *genetic*. *In* earlier studies Lindenov (1945) established c 45 per cent genetic cases in Denmark DeReynier (1959) for Switzerland, reported 290 per mille ge netic cases and 331 3 per mille undefined congenital cases. In Belgium, Deraema ker (1960) f und that hereditary cases accounted for 44.5 per cent and Gagnon & Montreuil (1964) established 25 6 per cent hereditary cases in n i stitutionalised material in Canada.

Ratios of deaf persons in the total population show that Finland heads the statistics in Europe with 130 deaf per 100 000 inhabitants, while even for Switzerland the figure is only 94 in 100 000 Björkqvist (1916) provided information on the occurrence of several isolates, and the existence of the same isolates was established in the present work as well This observation together with the great number of the deaf helps to explain the high number of genetic cases

If the deafness of the probands was genetic in 52 per cent, the number (4 6 per cent) of deaf children born of marriages between them appears t be fairly small. But there are many explanations f r this. The law prohibits marriage between two persons with genetic deafness. For this reason most of the marriages wer between a genetically deaf and a non genetically deaf partner In addition, 17 per cent of the marriages were hildles and the parent in these cases almost invariably said that they did not want children as they had been told that it was very possible that their ff pring would be deaf Owing to the sources of error mentioned earlier the proportion of th genetically deaf (2 per cent) cannot be regarded as fully accurate

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THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE STRIA VASCULARIS IN THE MOUSE

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W used the electron microscope to study the evolution of the stria vasculari from a single lay f cuboidal ectodermal cell resting on spiral ligament fibroblast to a composite epithelium of several layers of three d fferent kinds f cells. I the process, complicated interdigitations form between eighboring cells which greatly increase surface area and would seem t increase fluid transport capacity. The number f microvilli decreases a d ea h marginal cell s ki ocilium disappears luri g the second week fter birth. However there is an increase in the mber f lear fluid-containing vesi les in the superficial part of the margi al cells.

INTRODUCTION

We were led to study the devel pment of the stria vascularis because of our interest in hereditarily deaf Shaker 1 mice. We have compared the development of the rgan of Corti in these mice with normal ones and learned that significant differences appear in the organ of Corti at about the 10th day after birth. Vacuoles form in scattered hair cells and efferent innervation fail t occur (Kikuchi & Hilding, 1965 *b*). Soon afterwards, these animals begin to loose their hearing acuity (Mikaelian & Ruben, 1964). As ther authors have suggested it is possible that a failure in nutrition or oxygenation may account f r the maldevelopment of the organ of Corti in these animals. Since the stria vascularis is generally accepted as the source of endolymph and thus of hair cell nutrients it seemed worthwhile to use the electron microscope to study the development of the tria v scularis. A subsequent report will deal with our findings in Shaker 1 mice.

In 188? Baginsky wrote an excellent description of the important events in the development of the stria vascularis. He showed how the stria of r bbit embryos became thicker because of additional layers of relatively uboid l cell while th piral prominence retained only a single layer f epith lium of it. Weibel (1957) used light microscopy to study the stria in mice. H decided that the epith lium f the stria consists of two layers,

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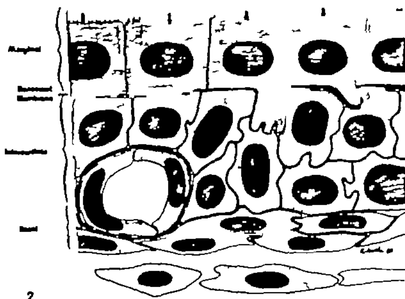
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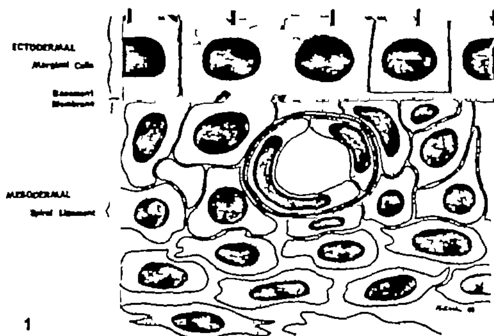
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MATERIAL AND METHODS

After ether anesthesia normal mice at various stages from newborn to adulthood were decapitated The cochleas were removed and an opening made through the bony walls to permit access of fixative solutions

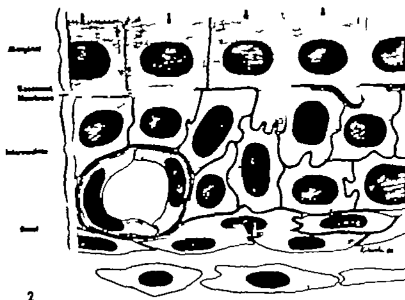


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FIG. 4. A low power electron micrograph of marginal cell of the apical turn in the newborn mouse. The cell is roughly cuboidal in shape. Microvilli (*Mv*) are found at the free surface of the cell. Basement membrane (*BM*) is evident beneath the cell in this stage. × 80,000.

Numerous small, clear fluid spaces or vesicles are found in mature marginal cells between the nucleus and endolymphatic surface. A few of these are present at birth, as seen in Figure 9, but they increase in size and in number during development (Fig. 7). Occasionally the endolymph tic cell membrane invaginates to form an "open mouthed" or "pinocytotic vesicle (Fig. 10). This kind of vesicle is ordinarily regarded as a method that cells use to take in substances from outside (Marchesi & Barrnett 1964; V. L. I, 1965; Lundquist, 1965). In some sections, a hazy layer is seen within the vesicles. We were unable to visualize a mem



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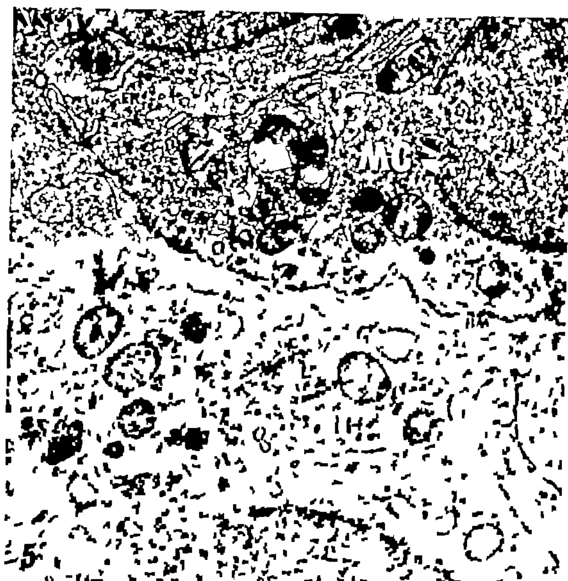


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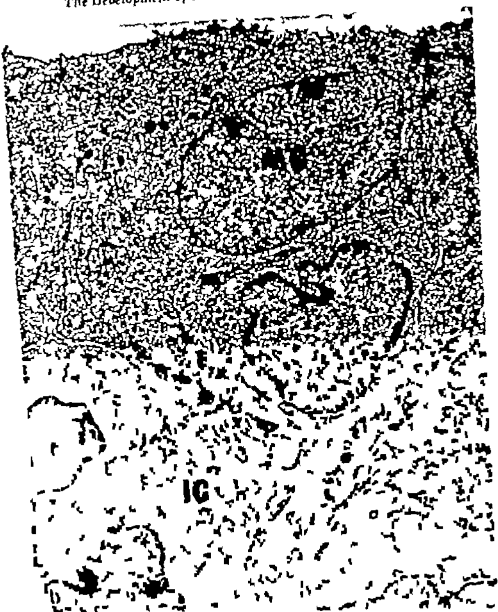


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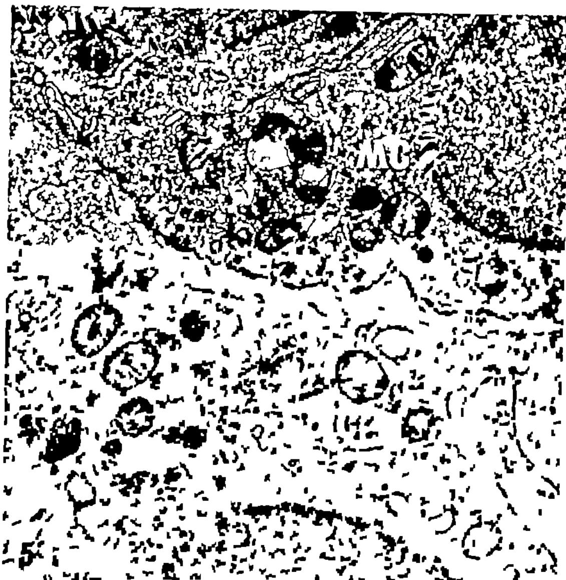


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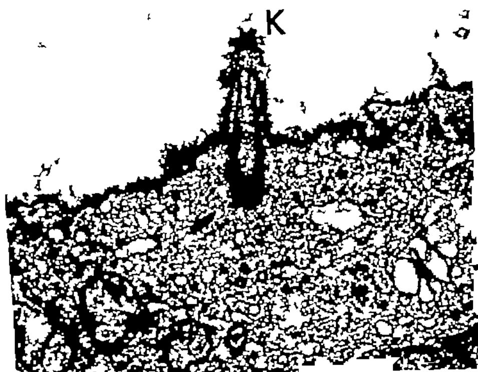


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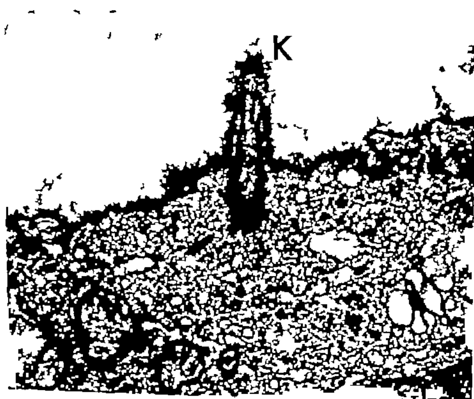


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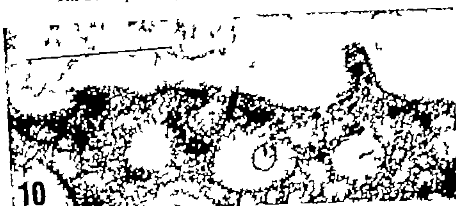


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Each of the cell facing the cochlear duct is surmounted by a single kinocilium at birth. They persist in vestibular sensory epithelia but disappear for some obscure reason in the other kinds of cells The mar ginal ells lose their kinocilia t about the 10th day or at the same time that hearing begins.

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Fig. 11. Each basal cell h[illegible] processes which extend upward toward the marginal cells. Adult mouse × 20,000.

Seymour (1954) used histological techniques and came to the same conclusion. Rüedi (1951) doubted that the stria has a secretory function and suggested that its principal role was to absorb endolymph. Naftalin & Harrison (1958) concluded from biochemical considerations that endolymph is produced by a filtration process through Reissner's membrane

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VESTIBULAR DAMAGE IN STAPEDECTOMY

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Caloric examination of the vestibule is carried out among 90 patients with 108 stapedectomized ears. In 6 patients, examined not less than 6 weeks post-operatively, paresis was found. In one of these patients a progressive course to paralysis was demonstrated almost 2 years after operation. Virtually no association between cochlear and vestibular damage is shown.

Stapedectomy is the method of operation which, as regards hearing, gives the best results in otosclerosis (Schuknecht, McGee & Colman 1960, Gundersen 1963, Meltzer 1963), but experience shows that the inner ear may be damaged by this operation. Shambaugh (1963) points out that the labyrinth is in far more danger from this operation than from stapediolysis. Fussing & Pettersen (1965) found permanent vestibular damage in 12% of patients after stapedectomy as against 3% after stapediolysis.

As with other operations on the labyrinth, a serous or purulent labyrinthitis may arise after stapedectomy. Serous labyrinthitis following stapedectomy may be due to the production of toxic substances by necrosis of fat or the vein transplant (Colman 1962). Other probable causes of labyrinthine damage are loss of a large amount of perilymph and surgical trauma in the form of drilling, strong suction and manipulation of the footplate (Schuknecht, McGee & Colman 1960, Shambaugh 1963, Shea, 1963). Furthermore, direct instrumental damage to that part of the labyrinth lying nearest to the oval window may occur, the otolith organs being primarily affected. A small haemorrhage into the perilymph is probably not harmful (Colman 1962, Gundersen 1963), but an association has been found between large haemorrhage and cochlear damage (Shea 1963). It has not been made clear how much this is due to the fact that the mixing of blood in the perilymph is directly harmful. Particles of bone in the vestibule can give rise to mechanical irritation if they are relatively large (Spector 1961). It has been shown in cats that particles of fat in the vestibule can also be harmful in that they produce considerable fibrosis to the otolith organs (Hayden & McGee 1965).

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TABLE 1 *Age grouping*

0–19 years	20–39	40–59	60–79	80–
1	12	59	23	1

be progressive (Shea, 1963) or as more general serious affection of the cochlea, occurring in about 2% after total stapedectomy

Colman (1962) states that the semicircular ducts are more resistant to damage than the cochlea. After stapedectomy in cats he found no or only minor histological changes in the vestibular portion, even in cases with severe cochlear damage However clinical reports have been forthcoming which point out the danger of vestibular damage. Stroud (1963) discusses 5 patients with permanent disturbance of balance after stapedectomy and in pre- and post-operative caloric tests in 100 patients, paresis was found in as many as 22% Ali & Groves (1964) and Fussing & Peitersen (1963) found permanent vestibular damage in respectively 10% and 12% of patients.

CASE MATERIAL AND METHOD OF PROCEDURE

The case material consists of 96 patients among whom 108 stapedectomies were performed by the Schuknecht method They are a random sample of almost 500 patients operated in the Ear Nose and Throat department, Haukeland Hospital, since 1961 Ninety five patients suffered from otosclerosis, and a child was operated because of fracture of the stapes. Division into age groups and the degree of otosclerosis may be seen from Tables 1 and 2.

All the patients are investigated using Fitzgerald and Hallpike's caloric test (Fitzgerald & Hallpike, 1942) The method has been somewhat modified in that a time of exposure of 20 sec was used corresponding to about 125 ml water Nystagmus was observed under Bartels spectacles. Permanently set-up apparatus regulated by thermostat was used.

Paresis was reckoned to be present with an average difference of 30 C and 44 C in more than 40 sec. Twenty-three patients are investigated on the stapedectomized side alone on account of fenestration previously carried out elsewhere, chronic otitis with perforation or imminent stapedectomy on the opposite side. In these cases reactions in less than 80 sec are reckoned as pareses.

TABLE 2 *Average hearing loss for frequencies of 500–1000 and 200 cps*

Hearing loss	< 30 dB	30–45 dB	> 45 dB
No. of ears	0	12	48

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No. of ears	0	12	46

TABLE 3 *Spontaneous nystagmus post-operatively*

Grade of nystagmus	1	2	3	None	Unknown
Towards the op. ear	2	3	1	99	2
Away from the op. ear	1	0	0		

RESULTS

Impaired caloric response was found in 6 patients in the age group 64–78 years all having pre-operative hearing worse than 45 in the speaking frequency range During the first investigation carried out not earlier than 6 weeks post-operatively paresis was found in these 6 patients A control of one patient 5 months later revealed paralysis The result as regards hearing was good in all cases apart from one patient who had acquired *a high tone loss of 20–30 dB at 4000 cps Two patients will be discussed* in more detail

Male 66 years Stapedectomized on the right side April 1964 and on the left side May 1965 The operations were not remarkable After the first operation unsteadiness during physical exertion on some occasions after the last attacks of vertigo on moving the head especially to the left Investigation June 1965 revealed paresis on the left side and a control 2 months later showed increased paresis with abolished response at 44 C. Positional nystagmus to the left was found mainly rotatory easily reproducible and accompanied by strong nausea and dizziness.

Female 64 years Stapedectomized on the left side July 1963 and on *the right side Nov 1964 Nothing remarkable about the operations* Caloric testing in Feb 1965 showed minor paresis on the right side No vestibular symptoms until April 1965 when vertigo unsteadiness and nausea appeared rather suddenly without any hearing phenomena The complaints persisted and repeat investigation in Sept revealed paralysis on the right side unsteady gait and a slightly positive compass gait test

Regarding the 4 other patients, 2 had slight nystagmus towards the operated side in the immediate post-operative days

In 5 patients directional preponderance was found but in 3 of them towards the *operated side* Paresis of unknown cause was found in the unoperated ears of 2 other patients

The frequency of spontaneous nystagmus during the first post-operative days is shown in Table 3

Among the 108 ears which were examined deafness occurred in 1 after suddenly diminishing hearing and severe vertigo 3 weeks post-operatively without apparent cause High tone loss with reduction at 4000 cps of approx 25–30 dB occurred *in 5 ears In a few other patients smaller reduc*tions, mainly at 4000 cps were found In all patients with diminished

cochlear function, a normal caloric response was found apart from paresis in one with high tone loss.

DISCUSSION

The starting point for our investigation are clinical reports showing that permanent vestibular damage may occur without cochlear damage, and much more commonly After the investigation of Ali & Groves (1964) an impression is gained of a severe vestibular reaction during the im mediate post-operative days. Among 56 patients, 50 had spontaneous nystagmus, 16 of whom had grade 111 and in 7 of these the nystagmus was towards the unoperated side. According to Stroud (1963) patients with diminished caloric function had, as a rule, the most stormy post-operative reaction.

Using the above-mentioned criteria for canal paresis, a relatively small degree of vestibular damage has been found, scarcely 6% This is supported by the very low frequency of spontaneous nystagmus post operatively and to a certain degree also by the relatively low frequency of serious cochlear damage, that is, less than 1%

In the publications mentioned it is not stated which criteria for canal paresis have been used. We have reckoned asymmetries of over 40 sec as paresis, which seems to be the usual figure taken when a limit must be set. However it should be noticed that Fitzgerald & Hallpike (1942) and Thomsen (1953) when investigating normal individuals, did not find greater asymmetries than 20–25 sec. In patients in whom one could not compare results with those from an unoperated ear a lower limit of 80 sec has been used in accordance with several investigations on the normal ear (Fitzgerald & Hallpike, 1942 Hallpike, Harrison & Slater 1951 Thomsen, 1953) A response of this length, nevertheless, can be paretic in that pre-operatively it may have been in the upper limits of the normal range f variation. If a pre-operativ examination had been carried out, further paresis may thereby have been revealed among the 23 unilaterally examined patients. On the other hand, it is not known to what extent the 6 paresis discussed were really due to the stapedectomy operation, especially as paresis was found in 2 patients in the unoperated ear

The cause of differences between materials of stapedectomy in regard to direct vestibular reaction and permanent disturbance must firstly be looked for in the different degree of labyrinthine trauma during the operation It is lso probable that there is a certain difference between the material concerning th degree of otosclerosis and the numbe of previous operations n the labyrinth, which are known to increase the danger of complication

Our 6 patients with diminished response were all above the average age. Thi may be a coincidence, considering that such an association has not been revealed in the other investigations. At all events, operation on the

second ear requires greater precaution in the case of elderly patients. They are more dependent on an intact peripheral vestibular apparatus because the senses of sight and proprioception both of which are important in maintaining balance are often diminished

ZUSAMMENFASSUNG

Kalorische Vestibularisuntersuchungen sind bei 95 Patienten mit 108 stapedektomierten Ohren unternommen worden. Bei 6 Ohren die nicht früher als 6 Wochen nach der Operation untersucht wurden sind Paresen gefunden worden. Eine von diesen entwickelte sich beinahe 2 Jahre nach der Operation zur Paralyse. Es wurde sozusagen kein Zusammenhang zwischen Cochlea- und Vestibularisschaden gefunden

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MODIFICATION OF VESTIBULAR RESPONSES AS A FUNCTION OF RATE OF ROTATION ABOUT AN EARTH HORIZONTAL AXIS

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Eight men completed an experiment in which they were rotated about an Earth-horizontal axis at velocities of 10 and 30 rpm. Both nystagmus and subjective estimates of body position in space were modified by the higher rate of rotation. Subjects who gave essentially veridical estimates of body position at 10 rpm became disoriented at 30 rpm and gave responses closely resembling those of subjects with labyrinthine dysfunction. Subjects who produced sustained unidirectional horizontal nystagmus during constant velocity rotation at 10 rpm produced a reversing horizontal nystagmus during comparable intervals of rotation at 30 rpm. Nystagmus slow phase velocity for both 10 and 30 rpm exhibited a cyclic modulation which was related to orientation relative to gravity. As in previous studies, sickness was produced by rotation about a horizontal axis, and a relationship between mental task and incidence of sickness was again noted.

INTRODUCTION

It has recently been demonstrated (Benson & Bodin, 1966; Correia & Guedry, 1964; Guedry, 1965) that rotation of a subject about an Earth-horizontal axis produces responses which differ in several respects from those obtained for equivalent rotation about an Earth-vertical axis. Responses during horizontal-axis rotation may be summarized as follows: During constant velocity rotation for periods up to five minutes at certain velocities, rotation is perceived continuously and unidirectional horizontal nystagmus persists throughout the rotation period. Following deceleration from constant velocity rotation the expected experience of postural counter-rotation is either absent or greatly reduced, and postrotational horizontal nystagmus is significantly attenuated.

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During constant velocity rotation when the axis of rotation and the longitudinal body axis are horizontal a subject is continuously reoriented relative to gravity During comparable rotation with the axes vertical, the subject maintains a constant orientation relative to gravity Hence although equivalent angular acceleration can be imparted to the horizontal semi circular canals in attaining constant velocity in these two situations, only horizontal axis rotation involves continuous reorientation of the vestibular structures relative to gravity

The receptors relevant to the effects associated with horizontal axis rotation have been the subject of some speculation Benson & Bodin (1966) have suggested semicircular canal involvement and explain the unique responses during horizontal axis rotation by a traveling deformation of the membranous canals due to the action of gravity on the endolymph filled membranous ducts which have slightly different specific gravity than the surrounding perilymph Guedry (1965) and Guedry & Harris (1963) on the other hand, has suggested that nystagmus may be produced when the otolith structures are stimulated by a change in linear acceleration, in this case by a change in orientation relative to gravity

The present experiment was conducted to extend observations of the evoked responses to horizontal axis rotation over a wider stimulus spectrum

PROCEDURE

Subjects

Twenty men, officer and cadet flight candidates in the Naval Aviation Training Program, participated in this experiment These subjects had passed recent flight physical examinations and had no apparent symptoms of vestibular disorder Of these twenty subjects, only eight were able to complete the experimental sequence The remainder either requested to withdraw or were stopped due to sickness

Apparatus

The apparatus used was the Human Disorientation Device (HDD) and its bioinstrumentation (Hixson & Niven 1963) Within the HDD was a chair prepositioned so that the longitudinal body axis was aligned with the axis of rotation which in turn was horizontal The chair was en closed within a nearly spherical light tight capsule During rotation each subject was fastened to the rotating device by a head and body harness to minimize head or body motions relative to the rotating frame Corneo-retinal potentials were amplified and filtered by a system with an upper cutoff of 25 cps and a time constant of 1.5 sec. A sinusoid potentiometer was used to record instantaneous orientation of the subject relative to gravity and a switch permitted subjects to signal estimates of body

position. Signals were passed through sliprings to an eight-channel Sanborn recorder

Method

Each of the eight subjects who completed this experiment was exposed to four rotation trials, two trials at 10 rpm and two trials at 30 rpm. For each velocity one rotation trial was in a clockwise direction, CW (to the subject's right) and one rotation trial was counterclockwise, CCW (to the subject's left) Order of presentation of velocity magnitude and direction of rotation was counterbalanced over subjects In each trial, the subject was accelerated at 20 /sec² to either 10 or 30 rpm, maintained at that velocity for 120 seconds, then decelerated at 20 /sec² to a stop

Horizontal and vertical components of eye movements were recorded during the entire rotation period. Also, prior to the test runs on four of the subjects, eye movements were recorded while the subject was slowly rotated through 360 degrees as a check for positional and spontaneous nystagmus. Of the eight subjects who completed the experiment, four were asked to signal by pressing a key when they passed through the nose-up and the nose-down positions the other four subjects were required to perform mental arithmetic during rotation. Following completion of each trial, subjects were asked to describe body motions they had experienced during rotation All runs were performed in darkness with each subject instructed to keep his eyes open and to stare dead ahead"

RESULTS

Nystagmus

Time course of response

Presented in Fig 1 are recordings of horizontal nystagmus obtained from the same subject during comparable time intervals following the onset of angular acceleration for CW horizontal-axis rotational velocities of 10 and 30 rpm It may be observed that throughout rotation at 10 rpm, nystagmus was unidirectional, the direction being that of the response initiated by the angular acceleration. For 30 rpm, nystagmus became bidirectional, i.e *reversing in direction* during constant angular velocity

To compare the verage time course of the nystagmus in terms of magnitude and direction for 10 and 30 rpm the velocity of the slow phase of each nystagmic beat for each subject was measured for 120 seconds following the onset of angular acceleration. During some one-second intervals, since nystagmus reversed, the slow phase of the nystagmus was in different directions hence, the mean slow phase velocities for each direction were obtained separately Mean plots for the 10 and 30 rpm CW rotations are presented t the top of Fig. 2 mean plots for the 10 and 30 rpm CCW rotations are at the bottom of Fig 2 Each point in Fig 2 is based on eight subjects.

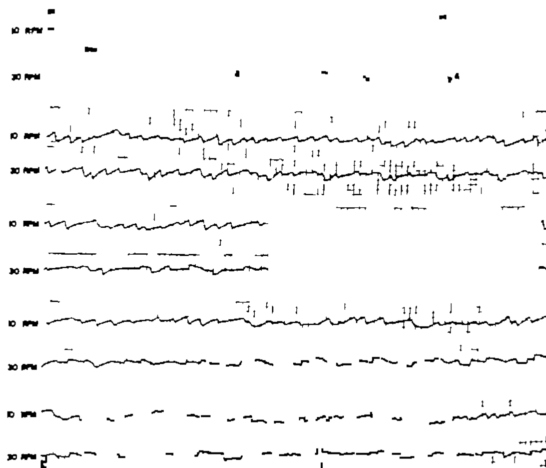


Fig 1 Recordings f horizontal ny tagmus produced by the same subject during comparabl int rvals of clockwise horizontal axis rotation at velocities of 10 and 30 rpm.

From Fig 2 it is obvious that 10 rpm and 30 rpm produced different responses

During angular acceleration to 10 rpm and a short time thereafter the nystagmus magnitude[1] and direction corresponded approximately to the classical response observed during and following angular acceleration about an Earth vertical axis However nystagmus did not return to zero baseline but remained unidirectional throughout rotation with its magnitude oscill lating cyclicly but never reaching the zero baseline

Exceptions were noted for two of the eight subjects These two subjects produced a reversing nystagmus during constant angular velocity for one direction of rotation at 10 rpm Examination of eye movement recordings obtained under static conditions revealed that both of these subjects had a spontaneous nystagmus When rotation was of a direction to augment the

Nystagmus att ins cyclic peaks which exceed the magnitud f ny t gm produced by vertical-axl stimulation Thi was st bli hed by comparing responses produced by identical angular acceleration in vertical a d h riz ntal xl stimuls co figurations. Eight men not included in th main xperiment served a sul ject a gular accelerati was 20 /sec² to a rotational velocity of 10 rpm

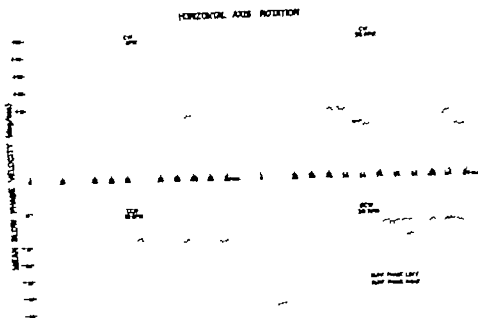


Fig. 2. Plot of magnitude and direction of mean slow phase eye velocity during clockwise and counterclockwise horizontal-axis rotations at 10 and 30 rpm. Note that eye velocity is bidirectional for 30 rpm and essentially unidirectional for 10 rpm. For 10 rpm, negative eye velocities for CW rotation and positive eye velocities for CCW rotation were based on single subjects who had reversing nystagmus at 10 rpm.

spontaneous nystagmus, the response remained unidirectional throughout the rotation period. When rotation was of opposite direction, the subjects produced a reversing nystagmus after 20–30 sec of constant angular velocity. The points across the baseline from the preponderance of points plotted in the 10 rpm trials of Fig. 2 were contributed almost exclusively by these two subjects.

For 30 rpm, the response to angular acceleration was similar to that produced at 10 rpm but it was greater in magnitude due to the greater acceleration × time product. However, whereas the 10 rpm response generally did not return to zero baseline, the 30 rpm response returned to zero baseline within 50 sec from onset of angular acceleration. Seven of the eight subjects produced a definite reversing nystagmus within 60 sec at 30 rpm. One subject produced a unidirectional response throughout both the 10 and 30 rpm trials. The nature of the reversing nystagmus was such that the magnitude oscillated sinusoidally and decayed until the nystagmus was of about equal magnitude in either direction about zero velocity at 80 sec. Since nystagmus was averaged by one-sec time intervals rather than at particular points in the rotation cycle, the modulation of nystagmus is somewhat obscured by the graphic presentation of Fig. 2, but the time course of nystagmus independent of cyclic modulation is apparent.

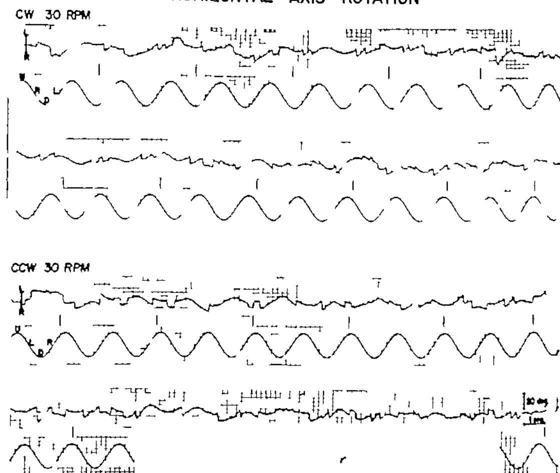


Fig 3 Recording illu trati g the relation hip of magnitud a d directi n of h riz ntal nystagmu t ori ntati n of subject

Relationship of direction and magnitude of nystagmus to body orientation

The relationship of direction and magnitude of slow phase velocity of nystagmus to body position relative to gravity was examined by comparing the nystagmus response to the sinusoid potentiometer recording as shown in Fig 3 The potentiometer recording, while describing body orientation may also be interpreted as a representation of the component of the gravitational linear acceleration vector acting along the horizontal head axes at any given time For example, as illustrated in Fig 4 when the subject was in a nose-up position (0) or nose-down positi n (180) the gravity component would be maximum along the front back head axis ($+x$ $-x$ axis) and minimum along the left–right ($+y$ $-y$ axis) When the subject was in nose-right or nose-left position the component would be maximum along the y head axis and minimum along the x head axis The directions of the linear acceleration vector relative to the head axes are summarized in Fig 4 and it should be noted that when rotation is CW

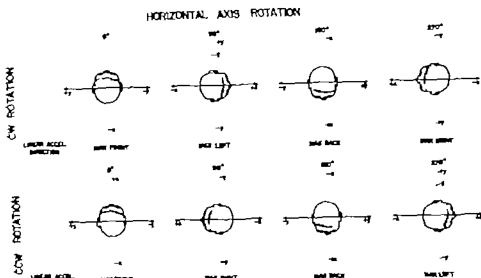


Fig. 4 Direction of gravitational acceleration vector (g) relative to head for four angular displacements during one cycle of horizontal axis rotation.

the 90° *position* is equivalent to the 270° *position* when rotation is CCW. During CW rotation, 90° position is attained after a 90° angular displacement, whereas during CCW rotation, an angular displacement of 270° from 0° position is required to reach the 90° position.

The cyclic relationship between magnitude and direction of nystagmus and direction of linear acceleration (gravity) is illustrated in the polar plots of mean nystagmus magnitude presented in Fig. 5. The reversing nystagmus generated during 30 rpm was modulated so that fast phase right (nystagmus right) occurred when the linear acceleration (g) was directed to the subject's right; nystagmus left was keyed to linear acceleration (g) directed left; zero eye velocity occurred just after the 0° and 180° positions. Even for the sustained unidirectional nystagmus, generated during 10 rpm, magnitude was cyclicly modulated in that maximum slow phase velocity occurred between displacements of 180°–270° and minimum slow phase velocity occurred between displacements of 0°–90°. This was true for either rotation direction (CW or CCW) if the *displacements* are defined as in Fig. 4.

Each point in Fig. 5 is the mean instantaneous slow phase eye velocity for seven subjects[1] averaged over two cycles of rotation and plotted at 30° intervals.

The exact points of maximum and minimum response for both 10 and 30 rpm varied among subjects, within a range of 40° but generally for

[1] At 10 rpm, the reversing nystagmus responses from subjects with spontaneous nystagmus were not included, and at 30 rpm, the subject with continuous nystagmus was not included.

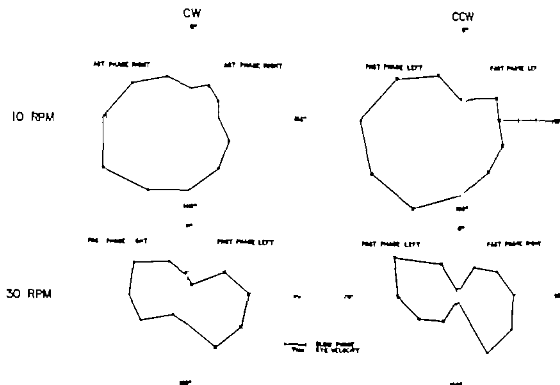


FIG 5 Polar coordinate plots of mean slow phase eye velocity for CW and CCW rotations at 10 and 30 rpm during a given cycle Points are based on 2 cycles for 7 subjects.

30 rpm maximum nystagmus left lagged maximum linear acceleration left maximum nystagmus right lagged maximum linear acceleration right, and zero eye velocity lagged zero acceleration along the left–right axis (0 and 180) For 10 rpm maximum eye velocity occurred when the linear acceleration was in the same direction as the fast phase of the ongoing response e g *g*-left augmented nystagmus left and minimum eye velocity occurred when linear acceleration was opposite in direction to nystagmus fast phase e g., *g*-right suppressed nystagmus left

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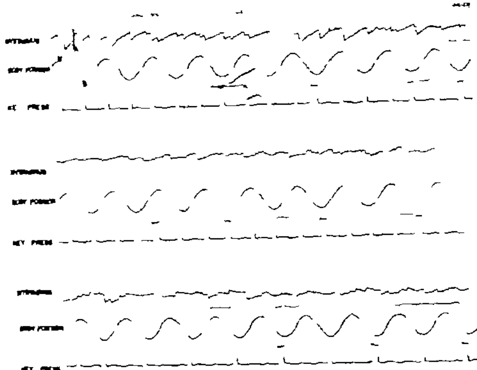


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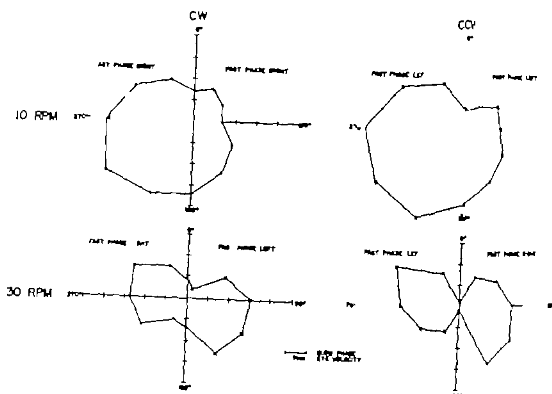


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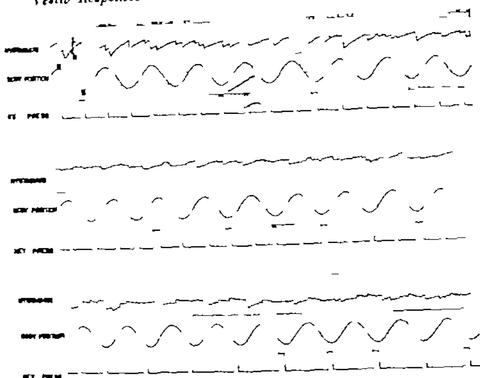


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no longer could estimate the nose-up position Many subjects either stopped key pressing altogether or gave signals which showed little relationship to true body position

Sickness

A high incidence of sickness was observed in this experiment Twelve of the twenty subjects were unable to complete the experimental sequence A relationship between mental task required of the subject and incidence of sickness was noted Of the twelve subjects who could not complete the sequence, all had been asked to attend to postural sensations with the purpose of giving accurate verbal and pictorial descriptions of the motion profile experienced during the runs Of the eight who completed, four were given the key press task and four were required to perform mental arithmetic during the rotation trials This relationship between sickness and mental task confirms similar earlier observations (Correia & Guedry 1964)

DISCUSSION

The time course of the nystagmus for the 10 rpm trials of the present experiment demonstrated the same general trend as that noted in previous experiments involving horizontal axis rotation (Benson & Bodin 1966 Guedry 1965) namely a sustained unidirectional horizontal nystagmus which persisted well beyond that observed for comparable vertical axis rotation Nystagmus at 30 rpm was continuous during the interval when the cupula would be theoretically deflected from the angular acceleration however a reversing nystagmus was observed after this period Generally subjects who produced a unidirectional response at 10 rpm produced a clear reversing nystagmus at 30 rpm for comparable time intervals of constant velocity rotation At 30 rpm when the reversing nystagmus commenced, the direction and magnitude of the nystagmus appeared to be related to the magnitude and direction of the gravitational linear acceleration vector along the subject s left–right (y) head axis This relationship between nystagmus and linear acceleration relative to the skull has previously been pointed out for several stimulus configurations including linear oscillation on a horizontal track (Niven Hixson & Correia 1965) Similarly at 10 rpm the orientation of the gravity vector relative to the horizontal head axes appeared to modulate the magnitude of the unidirectional nystagmus during the period of constant velocity as shown in Fig 5 Analysis of nystagmus during angular acceleration (footnote 1 page 300) and deceleration (Correia & Guedry 1964) demonstrates that reorientation relative to gravity influences nystagmus during these phases of horizontal axis rotation The peak nystagmic response was greater during acceleration and less during deceleration with the rotational axis horizontal as compared to rotation with the axis vertical These response differences are reasonable since during angular acceleration and reorientation relative

to gravity there is a coordinated input from both sets of stimuli during and after deceleration, sensory input is discordant. Upon being stopped (not reoriented relative to gravity) otoliths and pressure senses signal the stopped condition while the canals signal counterrotation in response to angular deceleration

To explain the continuous unidirectional nystagmus observed during horizontal-axis rotation at lower velocities, Benson & Bodin (1966) suggested that endolymph flow could develop due to differences in specific gravity of the perilymph and the endolymph filled membranous labyrinth It was further suggested that this mode of response would not persist at higher angular velocities where the dynamic properties of the membranous labyrinth, endolymph, and perilymph would limit continued responding by this mode. In the present experiment, a reversing nystagmus was observed as the rate of rotation was increased to a higher velocity This finding does not negate the Benson–Bodin hypothesis, but it does raise questions as to the latter being the only deviation from the commonly accepted mode of response during horizontal-axis rotation.

The finding of two types of nystagmus as a function of rate of rotation about a horizontal axis forces consideration of several modes of response for the canals and the otolith organs It is likely that both the semicircular canals and otolith organs act in concert during horizontal-axis rotation, but each may have a different response range and may shift response modes at different frequencies (rpm)

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PHYSIOLOGICAL MECHANISMS OF PHONATION

TENSION OF THE VOCAL FOLD MUSCLE

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A method was derived to determine *in situ*, in the dog, the mechanism by which tension is developed in the thyroarytenoid muscle (vocal fold). The origin of the muscle was dissected from the thyroid cartilage and tied to a force transducer; the arytenoid cartilage was fixed. The recurrent laryngeal nerve was electrically stimulated with square wave pulses. Development of isometric tension was measured as a function of *in situ* resting length (L_o) and of the strength and frequency of the stimulus. In addition a passive tension-length curve was constructed from L_o to 1.3 L_o. Tension increased sigmoidally with changes in initial muscle length, stimulus voltage and frequency, reaching a maximum at 1.3 L_o and 120 pulses/sec. Vocal fold tension, a factor in determining fundamental frequency of phonation, was found to be a complex function of the above variables. Clinical implications of findings were discussed.

INTRODUCTION

In the normal production of voice the generating source of the fundamental frequency of phonation is the larynx. The vocal folds of the larynx, or generator, modulate the intratracheal air flow to produce sounds of varying frequencies. The commonly accepted theory of action of the vocal folds in the production of the fundamental frequency of voice is generally referred to as the "myoelastic-aerodynamic" theory of phonation. According to this theory the vocal folds are adducted and regulated in tension, mass and length by the intrinsic and extrinsic neuromuscular system of the larynx. They are further actively set into vibration and kept in motion by the intratracheal pressure and their own elasticity. Once the folds are adducted and set in mass, length, and tension, their state may be viewed as constituting a more or less static mechanism, while their active functioning is regulated by the intratracheal air pressure and muscular tonus.

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A change in any variable as the length and tension of the vocal folds or subglottic area pressure, can produce a difference in the fundamental frequency (pitch) of phonation Studies have been made for example of the effects on vocal pitch of altering the variables of length and tension no work has been found however in which the neuromuscular mechanisms of vocal fold tension have been studied

REVIEW OF THE LITERATURE

Numerous investigations have been made on the mechanism of vocal pitch since Ferrein (1741) introduced the term *cordes vocales* in 1741 Ferrein was one of the earliest researchers to demonstrate that increasing the tension of the vocal folds and narrowing the distance between the cricoid and thyroid cartilages increased pitch Ferrein s observations have been confirmed by Curry (1940) and Sonninen (1954) with lateral laminograms Using human cadaveric tissue Van den Berg & Tan (1959) confirmed Mueller s (1843) experiments by demonstrating that vocal pitch could be changed by varying the tension of the vocal folds The vocal folds were stretched by weights, and measurements of longitudinal force recorded Later Longet (1841) confirmed the findings of the Rev Willis (1829) that contraction of the cricothyroid muscle draws the cricoid cartilage up to the thyroid cartilage thereby lengthening the vocal cords. Hollien (1960) found that when the vocal cords were in the primary position vocal fold length increased with a rising fundamental frequency of phonation

Employing the technique of electromyography Arnold (1961) corroborated Katsuki s (1950) and Faaborg Andersen s (1957) findings that electrical activity increased in the cricothyroid muscle with rising pitch In *addition Faaborg Andersen found that with rising pitch, electrical activity* increased in the cricothyroid muscle 0 9 second before an increased potential was seen in the vocal muscle Contraction of the cricothyroid muscle causes an increase in vocal fold tension and this has been confirmed in animal studies by Fessard & Vallancien (1957) and Isshiki (1959) This increase in vocal fold tension is in contrast and in addition to the tension resulting from contraction of only the thyroarytenoid muscle For as Arnold points out

> It follows that the cricothyroid s primary function is that of crude or *external vocal cord tension* Because this tension is achieved by increasing elongation of the cords with rising pitch it is an isotonic tension In contrast the fine or *internal cord tension* from subsequent contraction of the internal thyroarytenoid (or vocalis) muscle occurs with equal cord length for a given pitch level and represents an isometric tension consequently the cricothyroid and the vocalis are synergists with different modes and purposes of function

More recently Rubin (1963) stimulating the recurrent and superior laryngeal nerve of dogs, observed that contraction of the cricothyroid

muscle raised vocal pitch to a greater degree than does contraction of the thyroarytenoid muscle alone. In addition, Rubin corroborated Hast's (1961) and Dunker & Schlosshauer's (1958) findings that changes in vocal pitch were responsive to changes in the voltage but not the frequency of the electrical stimulus. Contrarily Isshiki (1959) observed a rise in vocal pitch with increasing frequency of neural stimulation.

A review of the literature cited above clearly shows that research on the function of the cricothyroid and thyroarytenoid muscles has received a considerable amount of attention. However a study has not been made of the mechanisms by which tension is produced in the contracting thyroarytenoid muscle.

The purpose of this investigation was to study the mechanism by which tension is developed in an isometrically contracting thyroarytenoid muscle, as a function of its initial length and of the strength and frequency of an electrical stimulus.

METHODS

Mongrel dogs were anesthetized with an intravenous injection of pentobarbital sodium (Nembutal, 30 mg/kg). With the animal in the supine position, a vertical midline incision was made from the level of the hyoid bone to the superior border of the manubrium of the sternum. The pretracheal muscles were separated medially and carried laterally to the trachea and the larynx. A tracheotomy was performed and an endotracheal cannula inserted to maintain a free air passage. The recurrent laryngeal nerve was freed from the surrounding connective tissue approximately 3 cm from the nerve's entrance into the larynx. A midline incision was made from the thyrohyoid membrane through the thyroid cartilage, along its prominence, and through the cricothyroid ligament to the superior border of the cricoid cartilage. Then one of the alae of the thyroid cartilage was incised laterally (1 cm) at the level of the laryngeal sinus; the incision was continued caudally, parallel to the midline incision, to the inferior borders of the thyroid cartilage. The incision was completed by cutting the cricothyroid ligament and anterior portion of the cricothyroid muscle. Additionally, the *in situ* resting length (L_o) of the thyroarytenoid muscle[1] was measured before the section of thyroid cartilage was dissected free.

[1] A study was made of the structure, anatomical relationships, and course of the muscle fibers of the dog's vocal fold. A number of dog larynges were serially sectioned, stained with H and E, and examined by light microscopy. It was found that the thyroarytenoid muscle in the dog, as in the human, is composed of two distinct bundles of muscle: The *thyroarytenoideus externus* and *thyroarytenoideus internus* (vocalis). But as the two muscles cannot be separated surgically without damaging either muscle fibers or nerves, the thyroarytenoid was treated physiologically *in toto*, as one muscle in this study. The average length of this muscle for all animals was 16 mm.

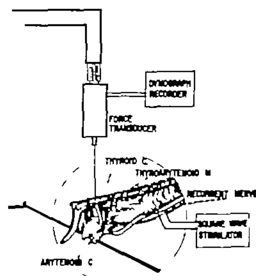


Fig 1 Diagram of m thod for measuring and recording total and pas ive t n ion of an *in situ* thyroaryten id muscle

A length of surgical silk (3–0) then was sutured to the incised section of thyroid cartilage which is the point of origin of the thyroarytenoid muscle (true vocal fold) With the thyroid cartilage and thyroarytenoid muscle *in situ* the other end of the silk thread was tied to the input probe of a force transducer (Statham Cl 16–350) (Fig 1) The point of insertion of the thyroarytenoid muscle, the arytenoid cartilage was fixed by piercing it with a large hypodermic needle (no 17 5 cm) clamped to a stand

The transducer was rigidly fixed to an adjustable rod that was scaled in millimeters the scaled rod was attached to a stand The total fixture could be adjusted so that the direction of sensitivity of the force transducer could be brought in line with the direction of the fibers of the muscle and the length of the muscle measured The output of the transducer was led to the input of a strain gauge coupler (Offner Type 9803) whose output was amplified and recorded by an ink writer (Offner Type RS Dynograph) The force transducer was calibrated in g wt (gram weight) with metric masses

The recurrent laryngeal nerve was electrically stimulated by square wave pulses from a physiological stimulator (Grass S-4) with coupled stimulus isolation unit (Grass SIU-4B) with bipolar platinum shielded electrodes The nerve was k pt moist by a physiological irrigating solution (Baxter Tis-U-Sol) Animals were sacrificed at the end of the exp riment

PROCEDURE

After developing and refining the above methods on an initial series of dogs, values of muscle tension measured in g wt., were collected on

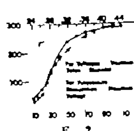


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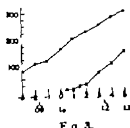


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Fig. 2. Mean values of isometric tension developed by the thyroarytenoid muscle as function of the voltage and frequency of stimulation at 1.3 L_0. Ordinate is tension (g wt.); upper scale of the abscissa is voltage, lower scale of the abscissa is frequency in square wave pulses/sec.

Fig. 3. Total tension-length curve for an isometrically contracting thyroarytenoid muscle stimulated at 80 pulses/sec (upper curve) and passive isometric tension-length curve (lower curve) for the same muscle. Ordinate is tension (g wt.); upper scale of the abscissa refers to muscle length in mm; lower scale of the abscissa refers to the resting length (L_0). Muscle length 17 mm.

10 other dogs (10–14 kg). Animals were stimulated during the time interval between the inspiration–expiration periods of respiration. To avoid physiological summation, a 10 second interval between neural stimulation was maintained. The duration of each stimulus pulse was 0.25 msec, and trains of stimuli were limited to approximately 1 sec.

Recordings of muscle tension (g wt.) were made during stimulation with voltages from threshold to maximum, at frequencies from 10/sec to 120/sec, and at various muscle lengths from 0.8 to 1.3 L_0. In addition, passive tension was recorded at muscle lengths of L_0 to 1.3 L_0.

Four measures of muscle tension were obtained for each dog: (1) the passive tension at different lengths of muscle; (2) the isometric tension of the muscle as a function of the voltage of a train of stimuli; (3) the isometric tension of the muscle as a function of the frequency of a train of stimuli; and (4) the isometric tension of the muscle as a function of its length at maximal frequency of stimulation.

RESULTS

The maximum tension developed by the thyroarytenoid muscle in an isometric contraction at maximum voltage and supramaximal tetanic stimulation was at 1.3 L_0; muscle tension (g wt.) ranged from 215–355 g, with a mean of 292 g.

Both the strength and frequency of stimulation affected the tension developed in the muscle. The mean values for each variable at 1.3 L_0 are shown in Figure 2. Figure 3 illustrates the values developed for passive tension and total tension (active plus passive tension) as a function of muscle length, in one of the dogs. Although maximum total tension was

developed at 1.3 L_0, the maximum active tension (total minus passive tension) was at 1.1 L_0.

Most muscles reached maximum isometric tension with frequencies of stimulation of 90–100/sec. *Only two animals* showed a *further* increment of tension at 120/sec. Once the maximum frequency of stimulation was established for each animal at L_0, all other measurements were made at that particular frequency. The average voltage applied to the recurrent laryngeal nerve was found to be inversely related to the length of the muscle. The values from threshold to maximal stimulation were 0.32–2.1 V at L_0 and 0.24–0.44 at 1.3 L_0.

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In applying the findings of this research to a general theory of phonation, several observations can be made. There appears to be a complex relationship between *the strength and frequency of the stimulus to the* recurrent nerve and of the muscle length before stimulation. In this study *tension* could be increased in the vocal fold muscle by increasing the stimulus voltage or by holding voltage constant and raising the frequency of stimulus or by lengthening the muscle (Fig. 2). Hast (1961) and Rubin (1963) found that in order *to achieve sufficient air pressure for phonation*, the vocal folds had to be closely approximated and tensed. This *was accomplished* by stretching the vocal folds (Hast 1961) or contracting the cricothyroid muscle (Rubin 1963) and then stimulating the recurrent nerve at a frequency of a least 50 pulses/sec. Increasing voltage of the

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The nature f the complex reciprocity shared by the two synergic muscles, cricothyroid and thyroarytenoid in the function of phonation cannot fully be explained by the findings of this study Knowledge obtained from research on the central mechanisms of laryngeal innervation is also required The experimental results of this study however may add to our technical understanding of the mechanism of vocal cord action The clinical implications of the findings in this paper are also of interest and should be considered.

CLINICAL IMPLICATIONS

One of the more important observations to emerge from the discussion of the experimental findings was that passive lengthening of the vocal fold (normally a *function of the external tensor* the cricothyroid muscle) produced in the thyroarytenoid muscle a degree of tension equal to that achieved in the normally lengthened vocal fold at maximal frequency of stimulation (Fig 3) *This illustrated* the powerful force exerted by the cricothyroid muscle in laryngeal functioning.

The above observation takes on particular significance in paralysis of the cricothyroid muscle The *typical* vocal syndrome is a weak or feeble voice lacking in projection while quickly fatiguing after brief efforts. Phonation-time is also shortened, as there is insufficient closure of the glottis, resulting in a loss of phonatory air With insufficient closure of the glottis there is also a lack f resonance or vocal intensity a result of decreased subglottic air pressure Other obvious symptoms, particularly noticeable in women, are a lowered vocal pitch and a narrowing of the vocal range (a monotonous singing voice)

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The nature of the complex reciprocity shared by the two synergic muscles, cricothyroid and thyroarytenoid in the function of phonation cannot fully be explained by the findings of this study Knowledge obtained from research on the central mechanisms of laryngeal innervation is also required The experimental results of this study however may add to our technical understanding of the mechanism of vocal cord action The clinical implica tion of the findings in this paper are also of interest and should be con sidered

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One of the more important observations to emerge from the discussion of the experimental findings was that passive lengthening of the vocal fold (normally a function of the external tensor the cricothyroid muscle) produced in the *thyroarytenoid* muscle a degree of tension equal to that achieved in the normally lengthened vocal fold at maximal frequency of stimulation (Fig 3) This illustrated the powerful force exerted by the cricothyroid muscle in laryngeal functioning

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Fig. 1. 1 The parabasal layer of the pachydermia, the intercellular space is dilated and contains intercellular debris (ID). The cytoplasm contains fine filaments (F). The basal membrane (Bm. 1. 1 left. Magnification 6600 ×.

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RESULTS

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Fig. 3. I. the superficial la er of the pachydermia, keratohy li granules (*Kh*) re isibl hich are in close connection with the fibrils (*F*) partly sectioned transversely G. Golgi zone. Magnification 7850. 3.X.

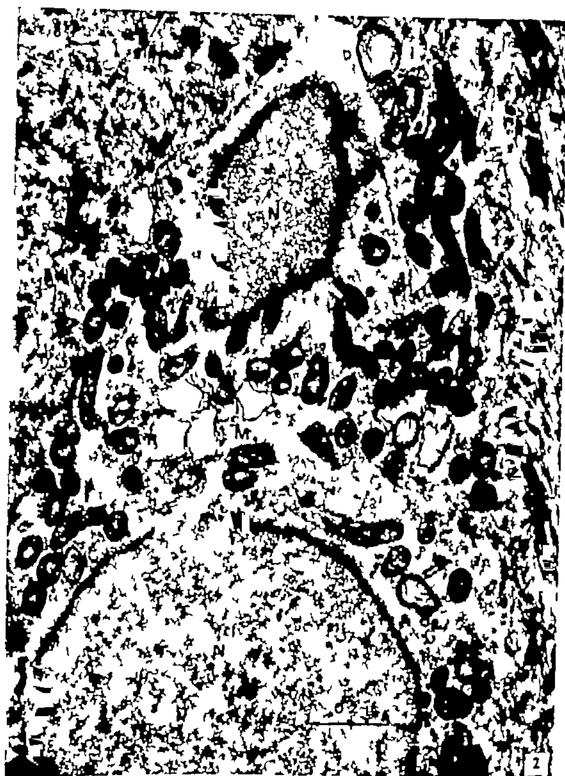


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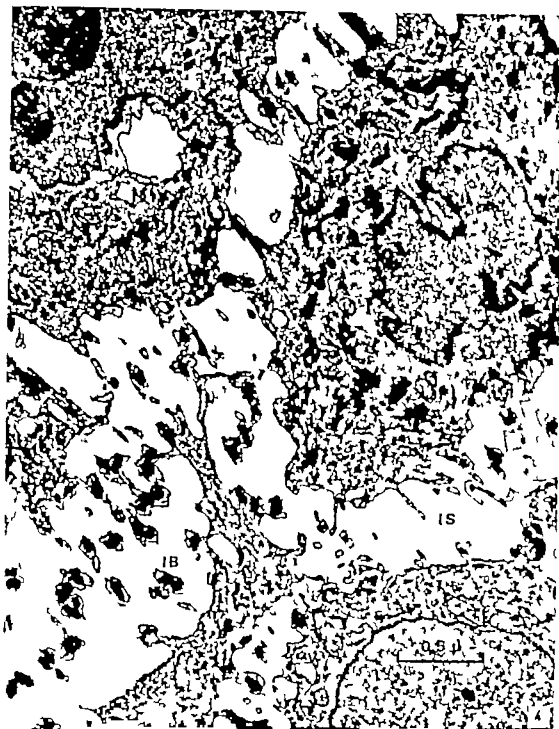


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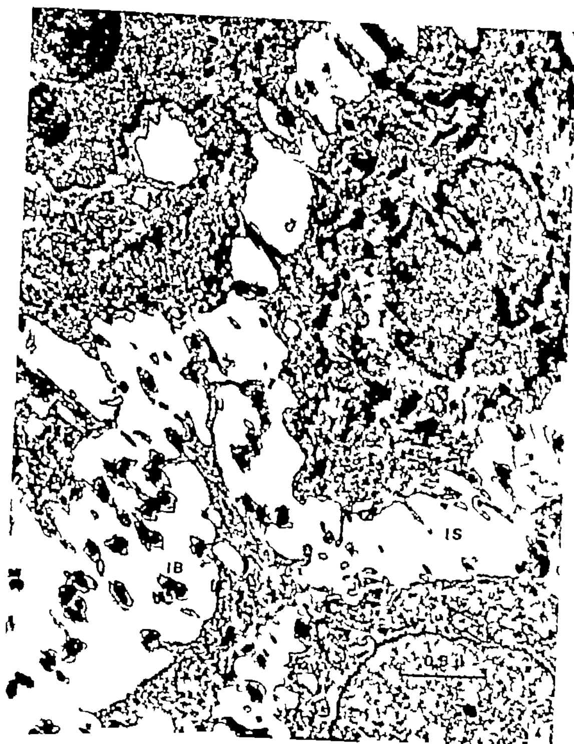


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FIG 6 The cytoplasmic protuberance of the epithelium breaking through the basal membrane in the same papilloma as in Fig 5 under greater magnification 10,800 35.

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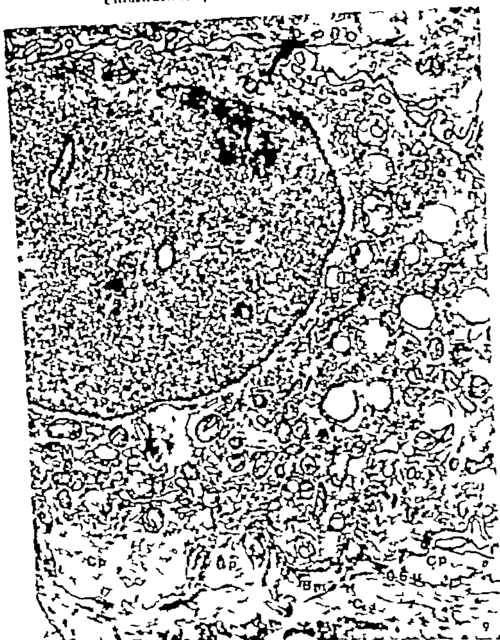
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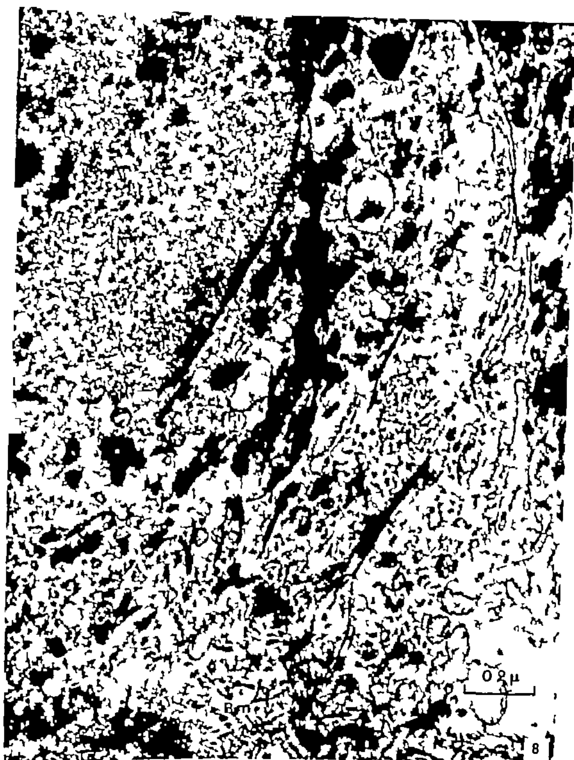


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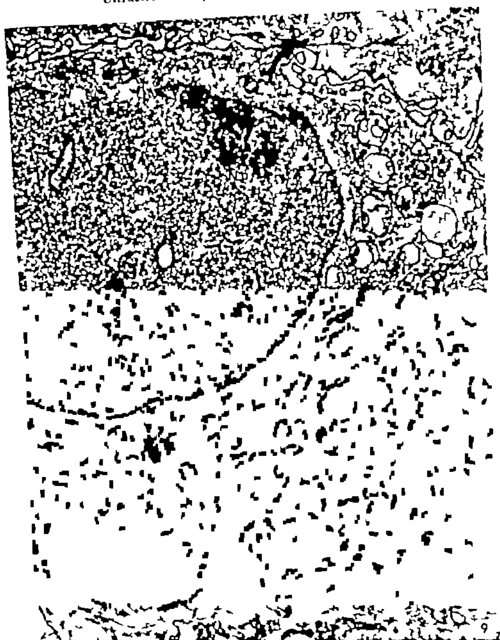


Fig. 9. T mo cell i the basal l er of th carcinomatou nest. Only remna ts f the basal membrane (*Bm* re recognizabl. The cytopl m ends wid processes (*Cp* to- ard the connect tissue these scarcely cont i y struct ral l me ts. The cyto- plasm cont ins ma y malal d maged m tochondri (*M*) which degenerat i k blisters. N nucleus *I* cytopla mic indentation; *L* lipid granules; *D* desmosome *C* collagen f bres. M gn fication 1300 2 4

that the basal cell contained many degenerated mitochondria and filaments were scarcely present. The basal membrane is lacking in certain sections, and here the cell sends structureless pseudopodiums towards the connective tissue. The cytoplasm contains several Golgi zones and large amounts of multivesicular bodies. Many lipid granules can be found. Numerous cytoplasmic indentations are present in the nucleus.

DISCUSSION

According to clinicopathological investigations, *laryngeal precanceroses* can be classified in various stages in the processes leading to carcinoma. Kleinsasser (1959, 1961, 1962) distinguishes three stages: (I) epithelial hyperplasia of the simple cell without atypia which may be verrucoses and papillary; (II) epithelial hyperplasia with local circumscribed atypia of the cells; (III) precancerous epithelium in which extensive disturbances of differentiation reach a degree of carcinoma *in situ*.

The histological alterations observable with the electron microscope are: basal hyperactivity, superficial keratinization, parakeratosis and the formation of stratum granulosum in the otherwise non-keratinized squamous epithelium of several layers which is similar to that of its epidermis. Some cell nuclei may be enlarged in stage II and become hyperchromatic. Dyskeratosis may appear as a sign of pathologic keratinization. In the more advanced stage (III), all cellular changes characteristic of carcinoma can be found but without infiltrative growth being demonstrable. We also classify laryngeal precanceroses according to similar ways and viewpoints (Polyánszky & Sugár 1959, Sugár 1961). The histological classification of Venkel & Sugár (1965) is similar to that of Kleinsasser (1962). Accordingly, precanceroses of skin cancers are grouped in three stages (A, B and C).

Thus according to electron microscopic investigations there are indications with which it is possible to draw conclusions concerning the precancerous nature of certain laryngeal alterations.

Electron microscopic investigations afford new information and help for the recognition of laryngeal precanceroses. The characteristics of atypia are essentially identical in pachydermia and in papilloma. In precancerous alterations, the cell contact and the ultrastructure of the cytoplasm and the cell nucleus change. Cell connection becomes loose and this is demonstrable both in the parabasal and in the basal layer.

The continuity of the basal membrane is lacking in sections of 0.05 to 0.1 mu length, and here the cytoplasm forming pseudopodium-like protuberances reaches towards the connective tissue. In some cases very many cell protuberances are visible in the connective tissue which can be ascertained to originate from the epithelial cell, though the break through of the basal membrane, i.e. invasion over a wide front is not yet noticeable. According to light microscopical investigations, Braun-Falco (1959) also

assumed that the continuity of the basal membrane ceases in laryngeal precarcinoma and not only in carcinoma. However the penetration of cytoplasmic protuberances has so far only been reported in skin cancers (Frei, 1962) The atypical arrangement of the fibrils indicates the pathological nature and presence of dyskeratosis, differentiation and keratinization. Cystic dilatation of the cisternae of the ergastoplasm and the vesicular alteration of the mitochondria are indicative of pathologic protein synthesis and cell degeneration. The free ribosomes are arranged in rosettes

Th debris of cellular origin in the intercellular spaces and primarily the presence of ribosomes indicate cell destruction The cell nucleus becomes irregular in shape even in precancerous alterations, its membrane runs a wavy course and its su face contains deep furrows Cells with double nucl l are not rare It seem that even in precancerous alterations inclusion bodies which contain structureles electrondense masses, membranes and cell debris can very frequently be found These inclusion bodies can be demonstrated in carcinoma, too

No viruses in laryngeal papilloma were found in accordance with other authors (Svoboda, Kirchner & Proncl 1963 Friedmann, 1961) The signs of keratinization in pachydermia are very similar to the keratinization of oral leukoplakia (Frithiof Lagerlöf & Wersall, 1963) In comparing the ultrastructure of laryngeal precanceroses with the alterati n developed during the morphogenesis of skin and uterus carcinoma (Albertini, Glatt haar & Vogel, 193 Setälä *et al* 1960 Sugár 1961) we believe that pachydermia, chronic laryngitis combined with hyperplastic hyperkeratosis and papilloma according to their fine structural alterations can be grouped among p ecanceroses

ZUSAMMENFASSUNG

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EEG IN MENIÈRE S DISEASE

A Study of EEG and Caloric Directional Preponderance Before and After Ultrasonic Irradiation of the Labyrinth

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Ab ormal EEGs were found in 12 out of 48 patients (25%) suffering from M lère' disease. N ign ficant diff rences were n ted between the preoperati e EEC record an l th se performed 10 d ys after ltrasonic irradiatio f th labyri th No significant correlation wa noted betwee the EEG findings d the findi gs concerni g cal ri direc tio al preponderance. Before treatment 28 patient out of 48 showed d rection l prepond ra ce in 17 directed from d in 11 toward the diseased laby inth. After ltraso ic irradi tion 33 patient howed preponderance l 27 directed from d in 6 directed towards th diseased laby inth

INTRODUCTION

Menière d sease is characterized by a triad of symptoms—hearing loss (usually unilateral) repeated attacks of rotatory vertigo and tinnitus. Th examinati n reveals a sensory-neural loss of hearing, recruitment of loudnes and in many patient a reduced caloric reaction often combined with a directi nal preponderance The hearing loss is frequently worse before and during an ttack of vertig The contribution of EEC to the diagnosis remain controversial.

The general pinion is that th lesion is localized to the inner ear "endolymphatic hydrops (Hallpik & Cairns, 1938 Lindsay 1960 Schuknecht, Benitez & Beckhuis, 1962) The disease is bilateral in about 15% of the cases.

More than 200 patients with Menière s disease have now been treated with high frequency ultrasoni irradiation in the Uni ersity Hospital in Uppsal Th rational of this method is to selecti ely diminish the vestibular fun tion of the inner ear and yet preserve hearing. There is no clinical evi lence that neighbouring central nervous system tructures are affected by the beam

Thi investigati n examines (1) the results of EEG from a group of ad nced Menière s cases, (2) the pos ibilities of CNS damage due to

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spread of irradiation during ultrasound treatment by comparing EEG findings before and after the procedure and (3) the correlation of EEG findings with caloric reactions (directional preponderance)

SUBJECTS AND METHODS

The material consisted of 48 patients (12 women and 34 men) with severe Menière s disease (mean age 46 years) with a mean duration of the disease of 8 years. All patients were incapacitated by frequent attacks of vertigo that were unmitigated by available medical treatment

The ultrasonic treatment is performed under local anaesthesia after mastoidectomy and exposure of the lateral labyrinthine wall Penetration of the ultrasound is facilitated by reducing the thickness of the bony capsule in a small area behind the lateral semicircular canal (Fig 1) against which the tip of the transducer is directed The ampullae and the vestibule lie beneath this thin layer of bone

During the irradiation the patient shows a strong nystagmus with the fast phase directed towards the irradiated side irritative nystagmus After 3–20 minutes of irradiation the nystagmus usually reverses direction towards the contra lateral side "paralytic nystagmus This latter type of nystagmus usually remains for about a week and is thought to indicate elimination or reduction of the labyrinthine function on the operated side The patient complains of moderate vertigo and a sensation of off balance" during a few weeks following the operation

Details of the ultrasonic procedure and its results are given in previous reports (Sjoberg *et al* 1963 Sjoberg 1964 Stahle & Sahl 1964 Sjöberg & Stahle 1965)

EEGs were recorded from each patient a day or two before irradiation and about 10 days after Eight or 16-channel recordings were taken twenty one electrodes placed in the manner described by Penfield & Jasper (1954) Both bipolar (transverse and longitudinal) and "average reference leads were used in all cases The subjects were kept awake during the recording and care was taken to note early signs of drowsiness Hyperventilation and photostimulation were done routinely

Two electroencephalographers independently evaluated and classified the records without knowledge of identification by subject or time of record ing Minor discrepancies in evaluations were easily resolved to arrive at a final classification upon which both raters agreed

Electronystagmography (ENG) according to the technique used in Upp sala (Aschan Bergstedt & Stahle 1956) was performed in connection with the caloric test before and after the irradiation The reactions were inter preted according to the rules given by Stahle (1958) and Stahle & Sahl (1964) The postoperative caloric testing 9–10 days after irradiation cor responded closely with the time of the second EEG recording



Fig. 1 The ltrasonic transducer is pplied t the lateral l byrinthi w ll through a post uricular pproach. The tip f the tra sducer is placed i prepared groov l the gle bet een the lateral nd the superior ertical canals The beam i directed toward the mpullae nd the estibule

RESULTS

Th only EEG abnormality found among the patients was an episodic ppearance of slow waves in one or both temporal or fronto-temporal regions. The records were classified into four groups (1) normal (N)—mainly rhythm of 8–12 cycles per sec (2) "slight (S) episodic abnormality—recurring episodes of theta waves of low or moderate amplitude waves, clearly distinguishable from background activity (3) moderate (M) episodic abnormality—frequent episodes of theta o delta waves with an mplitude about twice that of the background rhythm (4) di tinct" (D) episodic abnormality—recurring episodes of delta waves or irregular com plexes with an amplitude more than twice that of the background activity

No abnormalities of epileptic type i.e pikes or sharp waves, were seen in any tracing

The preoperative EEG

As shown in Table I 12 patients (25%) had n abnormal preoperative EEG

TABLE 1 *Pre-operative EEG in 48 patients with Menière's disease*

No cases	Normal EEG	Abnormal EEG		
		Slight	Moderate	Distinct
48	36	6	4	2

Correlation between preoperative EEG and side of diseased labyrinth

Among the 36 patients with an initially normal EEG, 15 were operated on the left side and 21 on the right.

Among the 12 patients with an initially abnormal EEG, 10 were operated on the left side and 2 on the right.

The temporal abnormality was strictly left sided or showed left sided predominance in 6 cases and in the remaining 6 cases the abnormality appeared symmetrically (side shifting or bilateral synchronous episodes).

All 6 patients with a left sided EEG abnormality were subsequently operated on the left side; 4 of those with a symmetrical EEG abnormality were operated on the left side, 2 were operated on the right.

Comparison between the pre- and postoperative EEG

Among the 12 patients with abnormal EEG records, 3 showed regress and 2 progress of the abnormality after the operation. Thus two patients changed from group S to N and one patient changed from group M to S. Those showing progress changed from group S and M to D (one case showed reversal from left to right sided predominance).

Among the 36 patients with an initially normal EEG, 32 remained normal, whereas 4 showed a slight episodic abnormality after the operation (2 symmetrical, 1 left sided and 1 with right sided predominance).

Comparison between EEG and caloric directional preponderance (DP)

There is evidence that caloric or rotatory vestibular stimulation in humans—besides unspecific arousal reactions—can evoke specific changes of the EEG patterns in the temporal and posterior region (Zirmunskaja & Joselević 1951, Makarjan & Koreskov 1961, Karbowski, Mörl & Martin 1963, Barac 1966). It may be assumed that a disturbance of vestibular function—such as occurs during Menière attack, and also during and soon after ultrasonic treatment—is reflected in the EEG in a similar way.

In the present study EEG recordings were not taken during Menière attacks or the operation. However, many pre- and postoperative caloric tests revealed not only a reduced excitability of the labyrinth affected but also directional preponderance (DP), a sign indicative of central vestibular dysfunction (Fitzgerald & Hallpike 1942, Andersen, Jepsen & Kristiansen 1954, Kirstein & Preber 1954, Carmichael, Dix & Hallpike 1955) even though it often accompanies peripheral vestibular lesions (Cawthorne, Fitzgerald & Hallpike 1942, Stahle 1958, Koch *et al.* 1959,

TABLE 2

EEG	Directional preponderance: Present before and/or after operation	Absent before and after operation	
Abnormal before and/or after operation	15	1	16
Normal before and after operation	26	6	32
Total	41	7	48

Coats, 1965) The following results were obtained when the findings concerning DP were compared to the EEG findings before and after the operation.

The caloric reactions of 48 patients *before ultrasonic treatment* showed (1) no directional preponderance in 20 cases, (2) directional preponderance in 28 cases, in 17 directed from and in 11 towards the diseased labyrinth

Of the 12 patients who showed an abnormal EEG before treatment 9 also showed nystagmic directional preponderance. Of the 36 patients who initially showed a normal EEG 19 showed such DP. No preoperative correlation was noted between the direction of the nystagmic preponderance and the side of the EEG abnormality

A comparison of the caloric responses *10 days after operation* with the preoperative record showed DP changes in 28 cases. These changes were as follows (1) from normal reaction to DP in 13 cases, in 10 cases preponderance from and in 3 towards the diseased ear (2) reversal of the DP in 7 cases, in 6 a DP from and in 1 a DP towards the affected ear; and (3) normalization in 8 cases. Thus the operation produced a DP from the operated side in 16 cases and towards the operated side in 4 cases.

The postoperative EEG in 9 patients had changed qualitatively to some degree However the direction of the postoperative nystagmographic changes were not related to the EEG changes.

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COMMENTS

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TABLE 1 *Pre-operative EEG in 48 patients with Menière's disease*

No cases	Normal EEG	Abnormal EEG		
		Slight	Moderate	Distinct
48	36	6	4	2

Correlation between preoperative EEG and side of diseased labyrinth

Among the 36 patients with an initially normal EEG 15 were operated on the left side and 21 on the right

Among the 12 patients with an initially abnormal EEG 10 were operated on the left side and 2 on the right

The temporal abnormality was strictly left sided or showed left sided predominance in 6 cases and in the remaining 6 cases the abnormality appeared symmetrically (side shifting or bilateral synchronous episodes)

All 6 patients with a left sided EEG abnormality were subsequently operated on the left side 4 of those with a symmetrical EEG abnormality were operated on the left side 2 were operated on the right

Comparison between the pre and postoperative EEG

Among the 12 patients with abnormal EEG records, 3 showed regress and 2 progress of the abnormality after the operation Thus two patients changed from group S to N and one patient changed from group M to S. Those showing progress changed from group S and M to D (one case showed reversal from left to right sided predominance)

Among the 36 patients with an initially normal EEG 32 remained normal whereas 4 showed a slight episodic abnormality after the operation (2 symmetrical 1 left sided and 1 with right sided predominance)

Comparison between EEG and caloric directional preponderance (DP)

There is evidence that caloric or rotatory vestibular stimulation in humans—besides unspecific arousal reactions can evoke specific changes of the EEG patterns in the temporal and posterior regions (Žirmunskaja & Joselevič 1951 Makarjan & Koreškov 1961 Karbovski Morel & Martin 1963 Barac, 1966) It may be assumed that a disturbance of vestibular function—such as occurs during Menière attacks and also during and soon after ultrasonic treatment— is reflected in the EEG in a similar way

In the present study EEG recordings were not taken during Menière attacks or the operation However many pre and postoperative caloric tests revealed not only a reduced excitability of the labyrinth affected but also directional preponderance (DP) a sign indicative of central vestibular dysfunction (Fitzgerald & Hallpike 1942 Andersen Jepsen & Kristiansen 1954 Kirstein & Preber 1954 Carmichael Dix & Hallpike 1955) even though it often accompanies peripheral vestibular lesions (Cawthorne Fitzgerald & Hallpike 1942 Stahle 1958 Koch *et al* 1959

TABLE 2.

EEG	Directional preponderance: Present before and/or after operation	Absent before and after operation	
Abnormal before and/or after operation	15	1	16
Normal before and after operation	26	6	32
Total	41	7	48

Coats, 1965) The following results were obtained when the findings concerning DP were compared to the EEG findings before and after the operation.

The caloric reactions of 48 patients *before ultrasonic treatment* showed (1) no directional preponderance in 20 cases, (2) directional preponderance in 28 cases, in 17 directed from and in 11 towards the diseased labyrinth.

Of the 12 patients who showed an abnormal EEG before treatment, 9 also showed nystagmic directional preponderance. Of the 36 patients who initially showed a normal EEG, 19 showed such DP. No preoperative correlation was noted between the direction of the nystagmic preponderance and the side of the EEG abnormality.

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1. Many "normal" adult individuals exhibit recurring episodes of theta waves over the temporal regions and such episodes usually show a left sided predominance. Our percentage of "abnormal" preoperative EEGs

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3. No significant discrepancy was noted in the majority of our patients (30) between the pre- and postoperative EEG record. The discrepancies found in the remaining 9 cases were so small and of such inconsistent character that they may be regarded as random variations. *Consequently our results give no evidence that the irradiation causes brain damage which may be recognized by means of ordinary EEG examination.*

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INTERACTING VESTIBULAR STIMULI

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Fifteen normal male subjects were repeatedly exposed t interacting angular acceleration (a posit ve accelerati n immediately f llowed by a egative acceleration of equal inten ity and duration) Pre- and post-test trials, consisting of st ndard ingle angula ac lerations, permitted evaluation of the neces ty fo habituation of rest intervals between su cessively presented stim li. Since significa t response decrements were evident in both the post-test responses and esponses t the interacting stimuli, it wa concluded that nystagmi habituati may occur without nystagmus running to normal completion

Several experiments related to the habituation of vestibular responses to angular acceleration have indicated that if nystagmic responses are not permitted to run to normal completion nystagmic response decrements to repeated stimulation do not occur For example, Mowrer (1934) with pigeons, and Holsopple (1924) with man, varied the temporal intervals between successive accelerati ns and found that alternate periods of ac celeration and constant elocity were equired for a response decrement to take place If the "rest intervals" i.e the periods of constant elocity between successive accel rations, were too short then no habituation re sulted H lsopple interpreted these results as signifying that nystagmus decreases by virtue of having frequently run to normal completion and is not reduced *merely because of the frequent occurrence of it stimulus*" (1924 p 103) Indirect support for this interpretation is p ovided by a number of studies. Fearing & Mowrer (1934) found that while the nystagmic responses of unanesthetized pigeons habituat markedly with re peated testing, anesthetized birds show no response diminution Both groups were exposed to identical cceleratve stimuli but the anesthetized group yi lded n nystagmic responses during the habituating series while the unanesthetized bird demonstrated a normal response. This clearly implicates the occurrence of the response rather than simply frequent exposure t the stimulus as a controlling factor in nystagmic habituation. Other supporting evidence of a general nature stems from studies finding at least some tran fer of habituation between different modes of stimula tion f the semicircul r canals (Collins, 1964 *b* Dunlap, 1925) That is,

despite different stimulating techniques the nystagmus generated is quite similar and again nystagmic habituation appears to be response related and independent of the stimulus

However a number of experiments examining the same question of transfer of habituation have found little or no transfer of habituation between caloric and rotary stimulation despite the general similarities of the nystagmic responses generated (Collins, 1964 *a* Hood & Pfaltz, 1954 Maxwell Burke & Reston 1922) These findings along with the specificity of habituation with regard to direction (Collins, 1964 *a* Crampton 1962 *a* Henriksson 1961) and plane of rotation (Crampton & Brown 1964) clearly implicate stimulus properties as important aspects of habituation Furthermore even when nystagmus is inhibited in both its intensity and duration by requiring the subject to fixate a visual stimulus during the habituating series highly significant decrements still occur (e g., Brown & Crampton 1966 Crampton 1962 *b* Guedry 1965) These latter studies not only cast considerable doubt on the necessity of nystagmus running to completion for habituation to occur but also raise the issue of whether exposure to the stimulus independent of the occurrence of nystagmus may not be sufficient for habituation Since visual input in many cases completely inhibits vestibular nystagmus and since stimulus properties appear to play an important role in the transfer of nystagmic habituation this question is of particular significance

The present study approached the question of the necessity for habituation of 'rest intervals between successively presented stimuli However rather than varying the length of the period of constant velocity or inhibiting nystagmus by fixation of a visual stimulus the subject was exposed to a series of interacting vestibular stimuli i e., an initial positive angular acceleration followed immediately by a negative acceleration Although Craybiel & Clark (1952) examined oculogyral responses and Jongkees & Klijn (1956) studied rotary sensations resulting from these successively presented stimuli of opposite sign the effect of repeated exposure to these accelerations has not been evaluated Guedry (1954 1957 *a* 1957 *b*) identified these triangular waveform accelerations as interacting vestibular stimuli due to the reciprocal effects of each acceleration upon the other Although the nystagmus initiated by the first acceleration extends into the period of the second acceleration there is a brusque curtailment of the initial primary nystagmus as the cupula is rapidly returned from its extended position by the second acceleration Further the total nystagmic output to the second acceleration is extensively inhibited as compared to the generated by a single non interacting stimulus

It was hypothesized that if a rest interval between successive accelerations were critical no habituation would be found in nystagmic responses to the repeated interactive stimulation In addition to examining successive responses to the interactive stimuli pre and post habituation test trials

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METHOD

Stimulator

The angular accelerator described in detail by Brown & Crampton (1964) consists of a hydraulically driven rotating beam that supports the subject s chair The chair was placed so that the subject s head was over the rotatory axis and an adjustable bite board restrained the subject s head in a fixed position. A ventilating fan and small "dither" motor provided low level masking vibration and noise to prevent detection of extraneous signals. A lightproof capsule entirely enclosed the subject, permitted con trol of visual input, and eliminated velocity cues associated with air move ment. Electronic voice communication between the subject and the experi menter was provided.

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Electrodes were taped near the outer canthi of the eyes, and an in different electrode was placed in the center of the forehead. The signals for horizontal eye movements were led through slip rings to an ink writ ing recorder at the control console Eye movement potentials were ampli fied with a 1 4-sec RC time constant and displayed with a 25 mm/sec paper speed. Both the periods of acceleration and signals the subject in itiated by pressing a key were recorded. At the outset and at the end of each experimental session a calibration to convert from mm to degrees f slow phase eye movement was obtained.

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However, a number of experiments examining the same question of transfer of habituation have found little or no transfer of habituation between caloric and rotary stimulation despite the general similarities of the nystagmic responses generated (Collins 1964 a, Hood & Pfaltz 1954, Maxwell, Burke & Reston 1922). These findings, along with the specificity of habituation with regard to direction (Collins, 1964 a, Crampton 1962 a, Henriksson 1961) and plane of rotation (Crampton & Brown, 1964) clearly implicate stimulus properties as important aspects of habituation. Furthermore, even when nystagmus is inhibited in both its intensity and duration by requiring the subject to fixate a visual stimulus during the habituating series, highly significant decrements still occur (e.g. Brown & Crampton 1966, Crampton 1962 b, Guedry 1965). These latter studies not only cast considerable doubt on the necessity of nystagmus running to completion for habituation to occur, but also raise the issue of whether exposure to the stimulus independent of the occurrence of nystagmus may not be sufficient for habituation. Since visual input in many cases completely inhibits vestibular nystagmus, and since stimulus properties appear to play an important role in the transfer of nystagmic habituation, this question is of particular significance.

The present study approached the question of the necessity for habituation of "rest intervals" between successively presented stimuli. However, rather than varying the length of the period of constant velocity or inhibiting nystagmus by fixation of a visual stimulus, the subject was exposed to a series of interacting vestibular stimuli, i.e. an initial positive angular acceleration followed immediately by a negative acceleration. Although Graybiel & Clark (1952) examined oculogyral responses and Jongkees & Klijn (1956) studied rotary sensations resulting from these successively presented stimuli of opposite sign, the effect of repeated exposure to these accelerations has not been evaluated. Guedry (1954, 1965 a, 1957 b) identified these triangular waveform accelerations as interacting vestibular stimuli due to the reciprocal effects of each acceleration upon the other. Although the nystagmus initiated by the first acceleration extends into the period of the second acceleration, there is a brusque curtailment of the initial primary nystagmus as the cupula is rapidly returned from its extended position by the second acceleration. Further, the total nystagmic output to the second acceleration is extensively inhibited as compared to the generated by a single non interacting stimulus.

It was hypothesized that if a rest interval between successive accelerations were critical, no habituation would be found in nystagmic responses to the repeated interactive stimulation. In addition to examining successive responses to the interactive stimuli, pre- and post habituation test trials

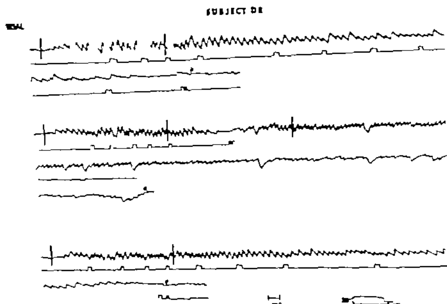


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Source	*df*	SS	MS	*F*
A. Trials 1 and 9 (pos. accels.)				
Between Ss	14	.2063		
Within Ss	15	.0769		
Trials	1	.0325	.0325	30.8
Residual	14	.0244	.0017	
B. Trials 2 and 10 (neg. accels.)				
Between Ss	14	.2031		
Within Ss	15	.0999		
Trials	1	.0158	.0158	11.7
Residual	14	.0341	.0039	
C. Trials 3–8 (interacting accels.)				
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Trials	5	.06 0	.0131	3.4
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Sig. beyond .01 level

TABLE 1 *Summary of experimental design and stimulus characteristics*

Trial	Stimulus 22 /sec²	Duration sec	Velocity change rpm
1	Positive angular acceleration	11	40
2	Negative angular acceleration	11	40
3–8	Triangular acceleration	22	80
9	Positive angular acceleration	11	40
10	Negative angular acceleration	11	40

instructed to signal 90 of subjective arc by depressing the key appropriate to his direction of turning He also was instructed to signal a stop or change of direction with two key presses in rapid succession and then to continue the subjective estimation of velocity using the appropriate key The importance of this task was emphasized to the subject throughout the experiment in order to maintain a high level of alertness A minimum of five min of constant velocity was programmed between trials to control extraneous undesirable interactive effects

RESULTS

The vertical magnitude of the slow phase sweep of each primary nystagmic beat was measured in mm for each 1 sec segment of the record converted to degrees of slow phase eye movement by means of the calibration obtained at the end of each session and then summed across seconds for each trial A sample recording showing the nystagmic responses to the pre- and post test positive accelerations as well as responses to a triangular stimulus, are presented in Fig 1 Particularly to be noted is the sharp curtailment of the nystagmic and subjective responses to the initial acceleration as the second acceleration is imposed

Since previous work has indicated that geometric means are a more appropriate measure of central tendency for nystagmic data than arithmetic means (e g Crampton & Brown 1964 Brown & Crampton 1964) logarithmic transformations of the data were made All analyses were conducted on the transformed data and the figures are plotted as geometric means

To determine the influence of the interpolated interacting stimuli on the simple accelerations, responses to the pre and post test trials were evaluated by analysis of variance Separate analyses were performed on the pre- and post test positive acceleration trials (1 and 9) and on the pre and post test negative acceleration trials (2 and 10) These analyses are summarized in A and B of Table 2 and the data are plotted as part of Fig 2 Highly significant decrements in nystagmic output are evident from

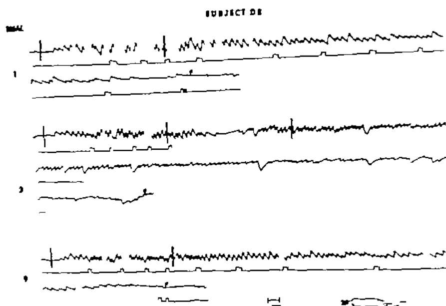


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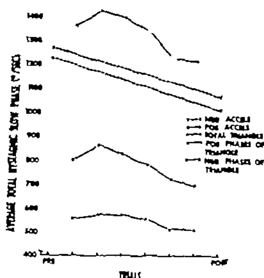


FIG. 2. Nystagmus slow phase averaged across responses from the 15 subjects, is plotted against trials. The dashed lines indicate the pre- and post trial while the solid lines indicate the interacting stimuli. All data are plotted as geometric means.

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An important consideration related to the above discussion is the extent to which nystagmus slow phase decreases during the habituating series of triangular accelerations. Do responses to both aspects of the interactive stimulus show systematic declines over the series of six trials? In Fig. 2 the total slow phase output for primary nystagmus is plotted separately for each acceleration of the triangular stimulus, as well as for the total combined primary output. The positive acceleration data includes nystagmus summed over only the 11 sec of the initial positive acceleration while data for the negative acceleration was arrived at by summing over the output during both the negative acceleration and the ensuing constant velocity. An analysis of variance of the combined output is summarized in C of Table 2. Nystagmic responses to both accelerations clearly habituate and the decrement for the combined output is statistically significant. This is also evident in Fig. 3 where these data are plotted second by second for the first and last interactive stimuli in the habituating series.

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FIG. 3. Nystagmus gain, averaged across the 15 subjects, is plotted second-by-second for trials 1 and 8 (the first and last presentation of the interacting stimulus). The terminations of the acceleration are shown by the arrows. Again all data are plotted as geometric means.

second acceleration. While there typically is extensive within and between subjects variability in the duration of primary nystagmic response to a single non-interacting acceleration, a remarkable lack of variability is found in the transition point with interacting stimuli. However, it is evident in Fig. 3 that this transition point shows a slight shift in time consistent with the over-all habituation of the response (16.8 sec to 16.2 sec). Although only the nystagmic responses are plotted, this small shift was evident in both the nystagmic and subjective (16.3 sec to 15.6 sec) transitions for all subjects. It seems reasonable to assume that this shift is a byproduct of the repeated exposure to the interactive stimulus.

DISCUSSION

The present results clearly indicate that nystagmic habituation may occur without nystagmus having run to normal completion. These findings in a situation where there is no period of constant velocity between the interacting stimuli extend and support previous findings that the acquisition of nystagmic habituation is unaffected by the temporal distribution of acceleration experience (Brown 1965, Fearing, 1940, 1941). However distributed experience has been shown to be superior to massed experience relative to the retention of nystagmic habituation (Brown 1965, Fearing, 1940, 1941). A similar effect may well be the case with regard to the retention of habituation to interactive stimuli.

Since the interacting stimuli lead to the occurrence of an abbreviated but yet considerable amount of primary nystagmus to both accelerations, it cannot be concluded that nystagmic habituation is directly related only

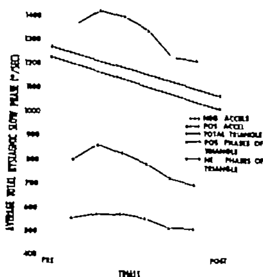


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to the simple repetition of the stimulus Habituation may require the occurrence of only some portion of the total nystagmic potential The present results considered jointly with the findings of Fearing & Mowrer (1934) with anesthetized pigeons, imply that this is the case However a decisive *experiment remains to be* done since many subjects can completely inhibit nystagmus by fixating a visual stimulus and yet demonstrate habituation equivalent to subjects receiving repeated accelerations in the dark

While subjects exposed to constant angular acceleration in total darkness *normally experience* no nausea the habituating series in the present study produced some malaise in all subjects Six subjects were replaced after vomiting during the habituating series. Although nausea may occur during angular acceleration when there is concomitant visual stimulation i e visual vestibular interaction (Brown & Crampton 1966 Steele 1963) *the present study was conducted in total darkness* It is extremely unlikely that head movements are in any way responsible since the subject was belted into the experimental chair and his head was contained in a head rest and further immobilized by a rigid bite board arrangement When necessary an emergency catch allowed the subject to free himself from *the bite board It appears that this nausea must be directly related to the* interactive stimulus and perhaps should not be too surprising in view of the profound effects upon nystagmic and subjective responses

It should be noted in Fig 3 that interactive effects of the triangular acceleration are exerted not only upon the initial response, where in con*trast to normal output a sharply curtailed response is evident but* also upon the nystagmic response to the second acceleration Here slow phase output reaches a distinctly sub-normal maximum amplitude clearly below that for the positive acceleration of equal intensity A further effect is that none of the subjects experienced either the normal subjective reversal of *direction or* a nystagmic phase reversal i e., secondary nystagmus, at the termination of the response to the second acceleration Despite the profound nature of these interactive effects, nystagmic habituation is essentially unaffected Since most non laboratory experience with angular acceleration is of an interactive nature, considerably more emphasis should *be placed* on the laboratory examination and evaluation of this and similar stimulus patterns

RESUME

Quinze sujets normaux mâles ont été exposés à maintes reprises à les accélérations angulaires conjuguées (c-à-d à la succession continue d une accélération positive suivie d une accélération négative les deux d intensité et de durée égales) Les essais auxquels on a procédé avant et après ces épreuves et qui ont consisté en de simples accélérations standard ont permis une évaluation de la nécessité de s habituer aux intervalles de repos qui arrivaient entre les stimuli offerts successivement Comme des décroissements importants se présentaient

RECRUITMENT IN NOISE-INDUCED HEARING LOSS

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INTRODUCTION

A group of subjects with sensory-neural n ise-induced hearing loss was tested with fixed-frequency Békésy type udiometer Responses were studied for signs f ab ormal auditory adaptatio and increased dif ferential sensitivity Adaptation was defined as a poorer threshold re sponse to continuous ton than t an interrupted ton Increased dif ferential sensitivity was defined as narrower envelope of responses to th continuous ton than to the interrupted tone. It was found that ll subjects showed both of these effects to some degree. It is suggested that adaptation increases differential sensitivity by raising the threshold. It would seem impossible to measure a sensitivity differential unaffected by d ptat on in this category of hearing loss. It is con luded that fi ed-frequency Békésy technique may be the most fruitful approach to recruitment testi g I ce both effects may be measured concurrently with thi procedure

A survey of the literature on recruitment and allied phenomena indicates that there is some disagreement over just what these tests actually measure. Some of the confusion over how to measure recruitment stems from an unclear definition of what it is and disagreement concerning the pathological condition resulting in recruitment. The validity of the tests designed for measuring recruitment is most often questioned. Hirsh, Palva & Goodman (1954) maintain that there need be no relation between recruitment (cochlear pathology) and any difference limen test score On the other hand Dallos & Carhart (1962) feel that increased differential sensitivity (decreased DL size) occurs when there is pathology of the cochlea and that mea urement of the intensity DL in clinical situations can serve as a major diagnostic indicator

Apparently there is unanimous agreement on two points, that the presence of recruitment i compatible with cochlear pathology and that sensory-neural losses resulting from noise exposure exhibit recruitment regardles f the test procedure used (Yantis, 1955) Some investigators use a homogeneous group of subjects with a standard test procedure Other researchers have used heterogeneous gr ups and varied test procedures.

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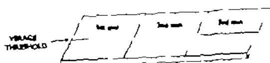


FIG. 1 A erage Threshold—Place erage threshold line on audiogram so that half the peaks re er the li nd half nder A erag threshold can the be read from the udiogram.

A erage Excursion Width—Count the number of changes of direction of the pe for the time period desired. Then find erag excursion width in dB from chart or c mput by formula

Av Exc. Width

= Tim length of tone presentation (sec) / No. f excursions × Rat f intensity change

so that very small excursions could be readily differentiated. Data from Chocholle (1942) indicates that reaction time to an auditory stimulus at or near threshold i about 400 ms. The rate of intensity change of the Grason Stadler E-800 i 2½ dB per second or 1 dB per 400 ms. Therefore, the minimum size of any excursi n would be approximately 1 dB

A SISI test was administered to all subjects the same day A Beltone *Model 15 C* audiometer with a Gordon Stowe SISI Adapter Model 1259 was used

RESULTS

According to th theory of neural recovery the interrupted or pulsed tone should stimulate normal on-effects in the ear since the rate of 2½ pulses per second llow sufficient recovery time to avoid adaptation (Hallpike & Hood, 1951) A poorer threshold for the continuous tone (CT) than for the interrupted tone (IT) w uld indicate adaptation The magnitude of such adaptation under the conditions tested would be apparent from the differ ence in threshol Similarly the excursion width of the interrupted tone (IW) c uld be used s a standard of comparison for the width of the continu us tone excursion (CW) A narrower CW than IW would indicate some type of increased differential sensitivity for th continuous tone stimulation Th e time factor w s also important since the magnitude of these effect might be expected t vary with timulus duration

Average thresholds and excursion widths for both tracings were tabulated for the first nd third minutes only (see Fig. 2) Threshold means are sh wn in T ble 1 and excursion size means in Table 2. Differences between the nterrupted nd continuous tone tracings re shown in Tabl 3 When the threshold adaptation occurring during the first minute is compared with the adaptation du ing the third minute it will be noted that the greater mount of adapt tion occurs during the first minut nly a small additional amount occurs during the third minute

Little has been done however to clarify the recruitment phenomena by studying various facets of one test procedure on one homogeneous group

One test procedure which may be used to detect recruitment is Békésy audiometry The Békésy audiometer has been an invaluable research and clinical tool in the investigation of hearing and in the diagnosis of hearing loss Certain responses and patterns of responses to Békésy audiometry have meaning audiologically A reduction in size of excursion width during the continuous tone presentation has been shown to be related to the presence of recruitment Palva (1957) relates size of excursion width to type of recruitment Other investigators have reported the phenomenon of narrowing of excursion width in cases of noise trauma Data relating to threshold adaptation is less conclusive than that concerning width of excursion

The present investigation proposed to examine exhaustively the responses obtained by means of Békésy audiometry administered to a group of subjects with noise induced hearing losses The testing was limited to timed presentations of selected frequencies

PROCEDURE

Twenty two subjects with a diagnosis of sensory neutral noise induced loss were tested A Békésy type audiometer calibrated to ASA (1951) standards (Grason Stadler E-800-4) and equipped with TDH-39 earphones was used for all tests. The subjects received the same directions as for a regular Békésy test and were given a short initial practice period with the pulsed tone After the responses stabilized the test began Using the fixed frequency technique at slow speed (2 1/2 dB/sec 2 1/2 pulses/sec approximately 1 octave/min) five frequencies at octave intervals (500 1000 2000 4000 and 8000 cps) were tested in ascending order Both the pulsed and continuous tones were presented each for a period of three minutes the pulsed tone was presented first in each case The left ear was tested first for half the subjects the right ear for the other half All phases of the testing were completed on one ear before beginning any testing of the opposite ear

Since the variables of interest were stability of threshold and width of the excursion per unit of time a simple device was designed to aid in the measurement of these factors (Fig 1) A thin strip of clear rigid plastic was divided into three segments, each representing the distance the Békésy chart traveled in one minute These divisions made the determination of the number of excursions per minute relatively easy These data were then transformed into average width of excursion in decibels A line along the length of the plastic measuring strip was used to help determine the mid point of an excursion or threshold With this equipment it was relatively easy to obtain the one minute average threshold or excursion size of any tone for any desired minute A recording pen with a fine point was used

TABLE 2. *Average excursion width of continuous and interrupted tones*

Frequency (kc)		Interrupted tone (IW) No. of ears	Interrupted tone (IW) Mean (dB)	Interrupted tone (IW) Diff. (dB)	Continuous tone (CW) No. of ears	Continuous tone (CW) Mean (dB)	Continuous tone (CW) Diff. (dB)
.5	1st min.	43	8.09	−.37	43	8.83	.17
	3rd min.	43	8.46		43	8.66	
1	1st min.	43	8.24	10	43	7.79	.59
	3rd min.	43	8.14		43	7.20	
2	1st min.	43	8.00	−.44	43	6.80	.68
	3rd min.	43	8.44		43	6.12	
4	1st min.	43	8.26	.16	43	5.69	76
	3rd min.	43	8.10		43	4.93	
8	1st min.	22	7.64	05	22	5.25	18
	3rd min.	22	7.59		22	5.07	

TABLE 3. *Threshold and excursion width differences between continuous and interrupted tones*

Frequency (kc)		Threshold differences CT_1–IT	Threshold differences CT_3–IT	Excursion width differences IW_1–CW	Excursion width differences IW_3–CW
.5		1.3 dB	1.9 dB	−0.74 dB	−0.20 dB
	SE_D	.486		.294	
	t	2.63*		−2.41	
1		2.1 dB	4.2 dB	0.45 dB	0.94 dB
	SE_D	.170		.273	
	t	4.40*		1.66	
2		7.0 dB	9.7 dB	1.20 dB	2.32 dB
	SE_D	.609		.319	
	t	11.22*		3.13*	
4		7.5 dB	9.6 dB	2.57 dB	3.17 dB
	SE_D	.493		.290	
	t	15.17*		8.86	
8		9.3 dB	10.9 dB	2.39 dB	2.62 dB
	SE_D	.883		.487	
	t	10.46*		4.90*	

* Significant at the .05 level.

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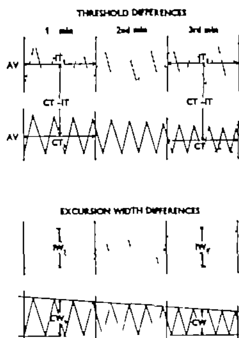


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.5	1st min.	43	13.6	0 1	43	14.9	0.7
	3rd min.	43	13 7		43	15 0	
1	1st min.	43	22.0	0.3	43	21 1	2.1
	3rd min.	43	22.3		43	20.5	
2	1st min.	43	37 0	0.1	43	41 0	2.6
	3rd min.	43	38 0		43	47 7	
4	1st min.	43	57.3	0 1	43	01 8	2.4
	3rd min.	43	57 7		43	67.2	
8	1st min	21	43 1	0.3	21	52.1	1 9
	3rd min.	21	43.1		21	51.3	

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.5	1st min.	43	8.09	−.37	43	8.83	.17
	3rd min.	43	8.46		43	8.66	
1	1st min.	43	8.24	.10	43	7.79	.59
	3rd min.	43	8.14		43	7.20	
2	1st min.	43	8.00	−.44	43	6.80	.68
	3rd min.	43	8.44		43	6.12	
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TABLE 3 *Threshold and excursion width differences between continuous and interrupted tones*

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		1.3 dB	1.9 dB	−0.74 dB	−0.20 dB
.5	SE_D	.486		.294	
	t	2.63*		−2.41*	
		2.1 dB	4.2 dB	0.45 dB	0.94 dB
1	SE_D	.470		.273	
	t	4.40*		1.66	
		7.0 dB	9.7 dB	1.20 dB	2.32 dB
2	SE_D	.600		.349	
	t	11.33*		3.43*	
		7.6 dB	9.5 dB	2.57 dB	3.17 dB
4	SE_D	.492		.290	
	t	15.17*		8.86	
		9.3 dB	10.9 dB	2.39 dB	2.82 dB
8	SE_D	.883		.487	
	t	10.46*		4.90*	

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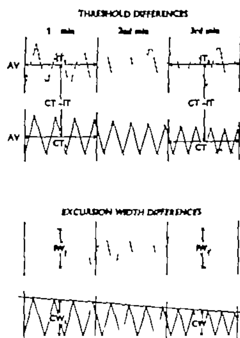


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TABLE 4 *Per cent of difference occurring in first minute of tone presentation*

Diff rence between interrupted tone and continuous tone

Narrowing of excursion width (CW)

Frequency	.5 kc	1 kc	2 kc	4 kc	8 kc
Per cent	(*)	48	52	81	95

Worsening of threshold (CT)

Frequency	.5 kc	1 kc	2 kc	4 kc	8 kc
Per cent	68	50	72	79	85

IW was smaller than CW at thi frequ ncy

The SISI scores seemed to be related to degree of hearing loss. Hence correlations (Pearson *r*) were computed between the pure tone threshold and the SISI score for each of the five frequencies (Table 5) The lack of correlation at 4 kc is probably due to the fact that all SISI scores at this frequency were high Eighty nine per cent of the subjects had scores of at least 9∪ per cent whereras threshold levels varied over a wide range As a further check four categories of hearing loss were set up for each frequency Normal—no greater loss than 19 dB Mild—20 through 39 dB Moderate—40 through 59 dB and Severe—60 dB or greater Average SISI scores were then computed for each frequency in each category (Table 6) In general the higher the degree of loss the higher the SISI score obtained

For purpose of comparison several data were plotted on one chart For ease of comparison each set of data was equated at 4000 cps From Figure 4 it can be seen that the manual audiometry threshold curve the excursion

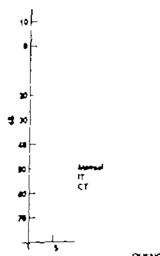


Fig 3. Composit audiogram Mean value f manual audi metry thresh ld, first mi nute interrupted tone threshold and first i inut continuou t ne thresh ld

TABLE 5 *Correlation (Pearson r) between SISI score and hearing level.*

	.5 kc	1 kc	2 kc	4 kc	8 kc
A SISI Sc. (%)	13	40	70	96	84
A Hear Le. (dB)	12	24	43	64	44
	40	71	.55	.01	.65

Hearing levels in this case were those obtained by manual audiometry

width difference curve (for the third minute to approximate time required to administer SISI) and the SISI score curve have the same relative shape. The curve representing the difference between continuous and interrupted tone thresholds for the third minute (the adaptation curve) follows a different pattern. For the first three curves there was a steep slope from 500 cps to 4000 cps, at which point a maximum was reached. There was a reversal of direction of slope beyond 4000 cps. Data reported by Riesz (1928) on difference limen (DL) size shows the DL is larger at low frequencies, gets smaller at 1000 and 4000 cps and then increases at 8000 cps. In the present study the curves of increased sensitivity (SISI scores and third minute excursion width difference scores) show the same general tendency. Degree of loss also follows the same general shape. However the curve for adaptation (CT_3–IT) is dissimilar in that it continues to rise beyond 4000 cps and reaches its peak at 8000 cps (the highest frequency tested).

TABLE 6 *Average SISI test scores computed according to degree of loss and frequency*

Frequency (kc)	Degree of loss: Normal (%)	Mild ( )	Moderate ( )	Severe ( )
.5	3	35	(*)	(*)
1	4	59	70	(*)
2	(*)	55	91	(*)
4	(*)	(*)	95	97
8	(*)	49	93	99

Normal Hearing level better than 20 dB
Mild Hearing level between 20 and 39 dB
Moderate Hearing level between 40 and 59 dB.
Severe Hearing level 60 dB or greater
* Insufficient data. Less than 10 per cent of the subjects fell into these categories.

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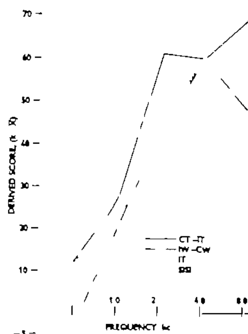


Fig. 4 *CT* – *IT* = Adaptati n of th continuous t n ($k = 6.32$) *IW* – *CW* = Increased sensitivity of the continuon tone ($k = 18.93$) *IT* = Interrupted ton threshold, third minute averag ($k = 1$) *SISI* = Mean SISI score ($k = 0.625$)

DISCUSSION

The experimental data from a sample of military subjects with noise induced losses indicates regular and reliable differences between responses to interrupted and continuous tones The interrupted tone, which would be expected to elicit normal on-effects, shows neither worsening of threshold (adaptation) nor reduction in excursion width The continuous tone shows a worsening of threshold and a reduction in excursion width which increases with time frequency and degree of hearing loss These effects are apparent not only in comparing the continuous tone to itself over the three minute period but also in comparing it to the interrupted tone The greatest magnitude of change occurs during the first minute of stimulation

These results represent the responses of a sensory neural noise induced group which from the experimental evidence to date should also be a recruiting group Yantis (1955) in his comprehensive survey of recruitment tests, shows that seven investigators found recruitment present 100 per cent of the time in cases of acoustic trauma Therefore the changes in threshold and in excursion width of Békésy tracings may be considered representative of the recruiting ear They illustrate the three main factors of recruitment namely normal on-effect threshold adaptation and increased sensitivity It may be that the lack of reliability of most DL tests is due to the fact that they are only measuring one facet of recruitment—a sensitivity dif

ferential. Dallos & Carhart (1963) conclude that increased differential sen sitivity (decreased DL size) indicates cochlear involvement. However the joint occurence of threshold adaptation and increased sensitivity may be even a better indicator

It is hypothesized that with the recruiting ear threshold adaptation must occur before an increased sensitivity may be measured. The effect of adaptation is to worsen the threshold, thereby increasing the stimulus level The higher the stimulus level the smaller is the DL. The present data shows that even manual audiometry is unwittingly measuring the threshold of a partially adapted ear whenever recruitment is present Figure 2 shows this clearly At 1000 2000 and 4000 cps thresholds taken by manual audiometry are identical to those of the adapted ear as measured by the Békésy continuous tone stimulus Yantis & Decker (1964) in their investigation of the SISI test found that as the number of items presented increased (increasing also the time duration of the 20 dB carrier tone) the number of subjects hearing the 1 dB increment also increased They found also that even subjects with high scores (80–95%) missed the increments presented at the beginning of the test This was explained on the basis of the subject s difficulty in making a subjective decision initially as to whether or not he heard the increment. However the present investigators believe that this was due to the fact that adaptation had not yet occurred in the ear Yantis and Decker believe that a high SISI score is in general consistent with the presence of loudness recruitment and end-organ pathology Logically this should follow since the SISI test contains the three elements of on-effect normality adaptation, and sensitivity (even though only one is being measured) If it is true, as Fowler (1950) states, that recruitment is greatest just over the threshold and gradually diminishes with increasing intensity of the stimulation, then the fixed frequency Békésy test may be more conclusi e than the SISI test, since it begins nearer threshold and measures the effect of th weakest conscious stimulus obtainable. Reger & Kos (1952) suggested that all recruitm nt tests at supra-threshold stimulation l vels are contaminated because the high level of stimulation may in itself cause a threshold shift in th recruiting ear Table 1 shows that we may expect average threshold shifts of 10 to 11 dB at 2000 4000 and 8000 cps after a three-minute period of stimulati n and at close to threshold intensities Perhaps this is not a contamination but merely a description of one of the measurable attributes of recruitment.

With the Threshold Tone Decay (TTD) test, Ca hart (1957) noted cases where recruitment and adaptation, at threshold, seem disassociated and that th phenomen n of adaptation (o relapse) seems somewhat independent f other auditory re ctions. Our data shows an daptation effect which is more dependent upon frequency than upon intensity and an increase in sensiti ity which is dependent upon m unt of hearing loss and intensity of stimulation However both of these effects wer shown by the sam ear in all cases.

Whether or not recruitment is to be defined narrowly as a non linearity of the loudness function with the loudness scale being compressed into a smaller intensity range we would expect the loudness DL to be smaller than normal The narrower width of excursion size of the continuous tone seems to indicate this, whether it is called a reduced loudness DL or a reduced variability (therefore an increased sensitivity) around threshold. In any case the DL is not an absolute value the Weber fraction is constant only in the middle ranges of stimulus values It is actually a measure of the variability of the effects of a stimulus, and in most biological phenomena variability seems to be proportionate to the magnitude of the quantity involved the greater the stimulus, the less the variability The concept of a threshold adaptation occurring first and adding to the effect of intensity on DL size helps to explain the paradox of an ear which is less sensitive threshold wise but more sensitive to small increments of sound

CONCLUSIONS

A group of twenty two subjects with a diagnosis of sensory neural noise-induced hearing loss were tested with Békésy audiometry using the fixed frequency technique All subjects showed some abnormal auditory adaptation and increased sensitivity to intensity change for at least two frequencies Sensitivity (decreased excursion width) increased to a maximum at 4000 cps and decreased at 8000 cps following the Reisz DL data closely SISI scores and hearing level followed the same pattern Adaptation increased with frequency through 8000 cps which was the highest frequency tested SISI scores showed some correlation with hearing level or intensity Hearing levels obtained by routine manual audiometry showed adaptation when compared with Békésy interrupted tone thresholds

The data suggest that adaptation and recruitment are inseparable effects which may be measured simultaneously with fixed frequency Békésy audiometry It is hypothesized that adaptation must first occur before an increased sensitivity to intensity change can be measured and that it is in fact impossible to measure an increased sensitivity (or decreased DL) without adaptation being present It is suggested that for routine clinical use a one-minute period of tone presentation is sufficient instead of the usual three-minute period since most of the difference between the continuous and interrupted tone occurs during the first minute (Table 4)

In regard to the thresholds obtained by manual audiometry it is believed that these are partially adapted thresholds If comparative thresholds are desired it would be necessary to perform manual audiometry using pulsed or interrupted stimuli an ideal pulse rate being 2 ½ per second with a duty cycle of 50 per cent (Sergeant & Harris, 1963)

ZUSAMMENFASSUNG

Eine Gruppe von Versuchspersonen mit lärmbedingtem perzeptivem Gehörverlust wurde mit einem frequenzkonstanten Audiometer vom Typ Békésy untersucht. Die Resultate wurden geprüft auf Anzeichen für abnormale auditive Adaptation und gesteigerte Differenztonempfindung. Adaptation wurde definiert als schlechtere Schwellenwahrnehmung für Dauerton als für unterbrochenen Ton. Gesteigerte Differenztonempfindung wurde definiert als schmaleres Streuungsband der Messwerte für Dauerton als für unterbrochenen Ton. All Versuchspersonen zeigten beide Effekt in gewissem Masse. Dies lässt vermuten, da s Adaptation di Differenztonempfindung steigert, indem sie di Hörschwelle anhebt. Die Messung ines Empfindungsdifferentiales, unbeeinträ htigt durch Adaptation ersch int bei dieser Art vo Hörverlusten unmöglich. Das lässt den Schluss zu, dass ein frequenzkonstante Békésy-Methodik der ergiebigste Weg zur Recruitme tmessung ist, da beid Effekte mit dieser An rdnung gleichz itig gemessen werden können

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WEGENER'S GRANULOMATOSIS

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The authors describe the pathological picture in Wegener's granulomatosis and discuss the etiology and pathogenesis of the disease. They report on four cases treated in Helsinki University Otolaryngological Hospital in 1964–65. The disease can be controlled to a high degree by *adequate corticosteroid therapy. The authors point out with special* emphasis that corticosteroid therapy must be initiated with large suppressive doses. They must be continued until definite healing of the granulating ulcerations is observed. Healing is accompanied by a normalization of the patient's ESR. Subsequently the doses should be gradually *lowered until a dose of maintenance level is reached, which in* Wegener's granulomatosis varies from case to case and is frequently fairly high. If the maintenance dose is too low the symptoms recur soon together with a rise in ESR.

Wegener reported in 1936 and 1939 on some cases of fatal granulomatosis of the respiratory tract. The pathological picture of these patients consisted of a destructive granulomatous rhinitis associated with pulmonary symptoms, generalized angiitis and glomerulonephritis. He pointed out that this *clinicopathologic syndrome did not apply to any known specific granulomatous disease.* He also emphasized the existence of certain similarities to *periarteriitis nodosa, which as early as 1866 had been described by* Kussmaul & Maier. Pathological pictures reminiscent of that described by Wegener had, however, been known before. McBridge had in *1897* reported on a case of rapid destruction of the nose and face. His report was followed by those by Fordyce & Arnold 1906, Woods 1921, *Arrowsmith 1921*, McArthur 1925, Kraus *1929*, *Wood 1931*, *Klinger 1931*, *Rödtke 1931 and Rössle* 1933. Wegener's report was followed by several publications concerning *similar cases*: Ringertz, 1947, Siirala 1948, Johnsson 1948, Bergqvist & Koch 1949, Ahlström *et al.* 1953, Godman & Churg 1954, Vaheri 1956, Paterson 1956, Herberts *et al.* 1957, Walton & Leggat 1958, Blatt *et al.* 1959, Appaix *et al.* 1959, *Neuss 1960*, *Brown & Woolner 1960*, *Fudman* 1963, Beidleman 1963, Escher & Legrain 1963, Zechner 1963, Friedmann 1964, Mills 1964, *Ardouin* 1964 and Lehnhardt 1964.

Wegener's granulomatosis has a typical history and a fairly typical clinical course. The disease can be divided into three phases: the prodromal

phase, the phase of the active disease, and the terminal phase During the prodromal phase there are, sporadically at first, small non-typical lesions in the mucosa of the nose and mouth. The sores heal but after a time fresh ones develop During the active phase of the disease granulating necrotic lesions are seen mostly in the upper and lower respiratory tract. There are gradual pathological changes in the kidneys. The terminal phase often ends with a destructive process in the upper respiratory tract which leads to death, due to massive infection and toxin resorption or arrosion bleeding Sometimes a lingering death is caused by pulmonary and renal processes. The nephrosis finally results in uremia

Godman & Churg (1954) listed the pathologic characteristics of Wegener's granulomatosis as follows (1) A necrotizing granulomatous process involving the upper or lower part of the respiratory tract or both. (2) Generalized focal necrosing vasculitis involving both arteries and veins, almost always in the lungs and more or less widely disseminated in other tissues. (3) Glomerulitis characterized by necrosis of loops or lobes of the capillary tuft adhesions and development as a granulomatous lesion

Etiology and pathogenesis

Wegener's granulomatosis shows many features seen in hyperergia or hypersensitivity In hyperergia the patient's immunity reaction is disturbed If allergy is given a wide meaning hyperergia can be included in this concept. The antigen-antibody combination is also present in hyperergia. In allergy in the more restricted sense of the word, the reactivity of the tissues has changed qualitatively whereas in hyperergia the change is quantitative and the reaction often follows slowly leaving permanent traces. These permanent pathological changes in the tissues of the host organism are typical of hyperergia.

The mechanism producing the first tissue damage is not known with certainty It is possible that, in chronic infection of the respiratory tract, damaged tissues or proteins of the body are liberated and may later be felt to be extraneous by the organism. In this way they can provoke autoantibody formation. Antigen-antibody reaction follows, leading to a fresh tissue lesion, which liberates new antigens, and so a vicious circle is started In Wegener's granulomatosis antigen-antibody reaction centres in the respiratory tract It is a known fact that the mucosa of the respiratory tract is disposed to local sensitization. The present authors views on the etiology and pathogenesis in Wegener's granulomatosis are described in another paper (Zechner & Grahne, 1965)

Therapy and prognosis

Corticosteroid therapy has proved effective in Wegener's granulomatosis But it i important to know that the course of the disease can be controlled only with initially large, suppressive doses The literature also reports the complet failures of corticosteroid treatment. It is obvious, however that

in these cases the dosage, especially the initial dosage has been far too small The prognosis *quo ad vitam* is poor although the patients can often manage to live for years with adequate corticosteroid therapy

Differential diagnosis

It must be assumed that Wegener's granulomatosis and the so-called lethal midline granuloma which has perhaps been best described by Stewart (1931) are somewhat similar conditions Periarteritis nodosa may also be considered another form of the same disease

Lymphosarcoma and reticulosarcoma may also exactly reproduce the clinical features of nonhealing granuloma of the nose Biopsy specimens from early lesions, particularly may be difficult to distinguish from Wegener's granulomatosis The distinction between tumour like proliferative diseases and true neoplasms is nowhere less clear than in the lymphoreticular system (Symmers, 1958 Friedmann 1964) Friedmann (1964) wondered whether the nonhealing granuloma of the nose in some instances might not be the precursor of these neoplasms He says that one talked of precancerous lesions, but could one suggest a presarcomatous lesion?" In the cases described below the problems mentioned by Friedmann were however not met

Report of cases

The four cases to be described below were all treated in 1964–65 at the Helsinki University Otolaryngological Hospital The authors wish to emphasize that the course of the disease could be influenced to a high degree by adequate corticosteroid therapy

Case 1 Female aged 24 years.

The patient had had menarche at the age of 18 but had menstruated only 5 times before menstruation discontinued She had noticed the first lesions in the oral mucosa 9 years previously but they had healed soon Subsequently there had been sporadic lesions in the mouth For 6 years she had had permanently suppurating, necrotic lesions in the mucosa of the mouth pharynx and larynx She had been treated 6 years previously at a tuberculosis sanatorium for suspected non verifiable laryngeal tuberculosis At the same time the patient had sores in the anal tract and in the urethral mucosa her *ESR* was 6 mm Hg/h Four years ago her AST was 100 and ASTA 4 and the gammaglobulins in paper electrophoresis were 31 7 per cent The patient had sporadically been given small doses of corticosteroids, together with antibiotics, but the lesions in the respiratory tract had refused to heal A year ago changes reminiscent of bronchiectasis were found in both lungs, and microhaematuria

The patient was admitted to Helsinki University Otolaryngological Hospital in August 1964 for examination She was found to have suppurating necrotic lesions in the respiratory tract and a phlegm producing cough In October he was given a subcutaneous injection of atropedin (Pethidin chlorid + atropine sulph + phenylcarbinol) in one arm Immediately her whole body was covered by an urticarian exanthema and her head mouth and nose became oedematous.



Fig. 1 Case 1 Subepithelial gra lation tissu with um rous blood essels and few fibres. 200. Nasal retical m st in.

Due to lary geal and bronchial swelling she had severe dyspnea. A large fluid filled bulla developed t the site f injection Corticosteroid treatment with large suppressive doses wa started immediately (12 prednison tablets 5 mg each per day) while antibiotics were also gi en Dramati impro ement of all symptoms f llowed in a few days. The lesions in the mouth, pharynx and laryn showed distinct tendency to heal. After a fortnight f high suppres ive cortison dosage the dose was gradually reduced About 3 weeks from the start of cortisone treatment all the lesion had healed. The ESR f ll in these 3 weeks from 66 to 8 mm Hg/h The patients is now relati ly symptom-free on maintenance dose of 3 tablets of prednison daily It m y be mentioned that the patient, after the symptoms had disappeared and the maintenance dose of prednison established, was gi en other injection of tropedin f th same strength as had previously produced such severe allergic symtoms, but thi injection produced no reaction.

Case 2 Male aged 27 years.

In 1946 the patient n ticed sporadi leal ns in the m cosa of the mouth, some f them th size of the nail f the little finge At the same time there w re sores around the a us. To start with, th lesions healed from time to tim but were replaced by fresh ones. Freed m from symptoms lasted at first for a maximum of a mo th. Since 1953 the lesions in the mouth, pharynx, and larynx no longer healed. Th patient voice had also been hoarse ince 1955. Time and again there had been lesions on the scrotum and penis. Occasionally the patient had had urticarious exanthema on the neck and legs, but it had soon disappeared. His ESR had mostly remained at about 50 mm Hg/h. He had had a cough with phlegm formation for many years, and wh n younger he had often had angina. I 1962 he had pneumonia. H had been treated on several occa sions t different hospitals for his lesions. The diagnosis aried from hospital to hospital. He had sporadically been given small doses of corticosteroids without any distinct benefit. He wa admitted t th Helsinki University Otolaryngological Hospital in January 1963 with extensive deep necrotic ulcerations in the mouth, mesopharyn and larynx. Thorax -ray revealed peri-

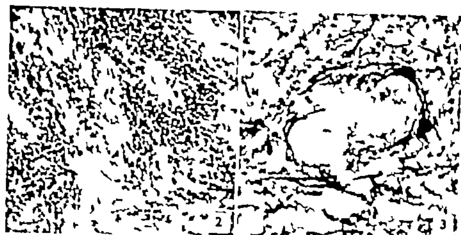


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tween the physician and the pathologist is required. The histopathological changes may be difficult to interpret. It may not be easy to distinguish the vascular changes, for example, from those seen in necrotizing infection

It has been shown above that Wegener s granulomatosis can be controlled by corticosteroids. It must be particularly emphasized that the dosage must be suppressive. No results are achieved if treatment starts with small doses and is increased gradually This method was tried in Case 4 where a 6-week treatment had no effect on the granulation process Only after a suppressi e dosage introduced did the patient respond, in a few days The ESR seems to indicate clearly whether or not the dose is adequate correct dosage normalizes the ESR in a few days. Dexamethasone was employed in all cases except Case 1 since it is considered to have a smaller mineral steroid effect than prednisone and prednisolone which perhaps are the most generally used corticosteroids. On the other hand, dexamethasone is believed to paralyse more easily the adrenal cortex function. Our argument was that this adrenal cortex function will be destroyed in any case, since a relatively high maintenance dose of corticosteroids is given over a prolonged period For this reason no ACTH therapy was introduced in these cases. Antibiotics were given only in the initial phases of corticosteroid therapy but once the necrotic process had rapidly healed the antibiotics were suspended. Antibiotics, together with a somewhat increased dose of corticosteroids, have been recommended for temporary use in the event of any future bacterial infection

Wegenner's granulomatosis evidently requires a relatively high maintenance dose of corticosteroids. In Case 1 of the present series the maintenance dose was 3 tablets of prednisone 5 mg each per day In Cases 2, 3 and 4 the daily dose was 4 4 and 8 tablets of dexamethasone 0.5 mg each Any reduction of the maintenance dose in these cases at once resulted in an ulcerative granulation process in the healed cicatricial tissue and in an elevated ESR It is also striking how the adequate maintenance level protected Case 1 against exanthema when the patient was subjected to the sam antigen exposure, which prior to cortisone th rapy was followed by violent course of exanthema, swelling, and a bulla at the site f the injection.

Th general opinion has been that surgery in Wegener's granulomatosis results in the process flaring up swiftly with tissue destruction leading to death It is interesting to see that one of th present patients (Case 3) was subjected to pneumectomy and a gallstone operation without corticosteroid therapy and his operation wound healed without the process flaring up B t in this case the incisions did not penetrate the necrotic granulation ti e Th s same patient underwent two Caldwell–Luc operations in which th ffected tissue was incised. The pathological process flared up and a la ge oroantral fistula wa formed, but death did not follow The patient later had nother operation in which the large oroantral fistula was obturated This time surgery was performed under protection of the patient s



Fig 6 Case 4 Subepithelial oedema and infected infiltrates, ×200 van Gieson stain.
Fig 7 Case 4 Fibrous swelling in a focus of fibrinoid necrosis, ×600 Wilder's reticulum stain

per field of vision Cerebrospinal fluid contained 44 leucocytes of which 72 per cent were lymphocytes and 28 per cent granulocytes Incipient progressive loss of hearing was noted towards the end of 1959 In 3 months the loss of hearing of the left ear was total Towards the end of 1961 the hearing of the right ear began to weaken and 3 months later the loss was total There was no discharge from the ears and no vertigo Explorative antrostomy was performed in 1963 on the right ear the antrum aditus and the pneumatic cells were found to contain granulation tissue No histological examination was performed Since 1953 the patient's ESR had remained at around 100 He had sporadically been given small doses of corticosteroids and had felt slightly better In February 1965 the patient was admitted to Helsinki University Otolaryngological Hospital with an ulcerating necrotic granulation process in the nasal septum He had microhematuria and his ESR was 112 mm Hg/h Corticosteroid treatment was started in this case experimentally with fairly low dosage which was to be increased gradually until response was obtained This method however failed to give results. The granulation process was not affected nor was the ESR despite the fact that the dose gradually increased to 8 tablets of dexamethasone 0 5 mg each daily It was then decided to reverse the treatment and give the patient large suppressive doses For 8 days he was given 16 tablets daily of dexamethasone 0.5 mg each This affected the granulation process almost immediately The dose was gradually reduced until a maintenance level of 8 tablets daily was reached ESR fell in 14 days from 11 to 34 mm Hg/h Microhematuria remained unchanged in this patient also His general condition improved remarkably The granulation process of the nasal septum disappeared completely leaving a perforation the width of a finger with smooth edges.

DISCUSSION

All the cases described above can be classified under the diagnosis of Wegener's granulomatosis To obtain the diagnosis good cooperation be-

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The authors consider that lethal midline granuloma (type Stewart) Wegener s granulomatosis and periarteritis nodosa are different forms of the same pathological process. The dissimilarities are largely in the different location of the processes Lethal midline granuloma is the most localized type although necropsy may show in these cases that the pathological changes are also present in other parts of the body as is the case in Wegener s granulomatosis The most widespread are the changes in periarteritis nodosa, of which the clinical picture can occur simultaneously in Wegener s granulomatosis (Case 4) It may be assumed perhaps, that the antigen in lethal midline granuloma (type Stewart) and in Wegener s granulomatosis affects the organism via the respiratory tract while in periarteritis nodosa the antigen may be assumed to be carried by the circulating blood

ZUSAMMENFASSUNG

Die Verfasser beschreiben das Krankheitsbild der Wegenerschen Granulomatose und besprechen auch die Ätiologie und Pathogenese der Krankheit Sie berichten über vier Fälle die an der Universitäts-Ohrenklinik in Helsinki in den Jahren 1964–1965 behandelt worden sind Die Krankheit kann weitgehend mit adäquater Kortikosteroidbehandlung beeinflusst werden Die Verfasser heben besonders hervor dass die Kortikosteroidbehandlung mit grossen suppressiven Dosen eingeleitet werden muss Die Behandlung mit diesen grossen suppressiven Dosen muss so lange fortgesetzt werden bis eine deutliche Heilung der granulierenden Ulzerationen wahrzunehmen ist Im Gefolge dieses Heilungsprozesses sinkt dann der Blutsenkungswert auf normale Höhe Danach soll die Dosierung allmählich vermindert werden bis man die Erhaltungsdosis erreicht hat die bei der Wegenerschen Granulomatose von Fall zu Fall verschieden und nicht selten ziemlich gross ist Wenn die Erhaltungsdosis zu klein ist stellen sich die Symptome bald wieder ein während zugleich die Blutsenkung wieder ansteigt

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ACOUSTIC INPUT IMPEDANCE OF THE HUMAN EAR

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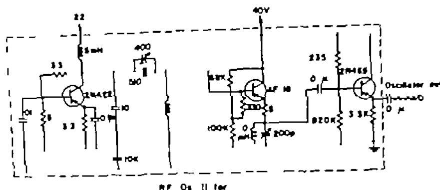


FIG. 2.

allows determination of the acoustic input impedance of the ear This has the advantage of being objective, and of allowing repeatable and accurate measurements to be made over a wide frequency and dynamic range. The measurement can also be completed in a short period of time

METHOD

A. Measuring Device

The w rk presented here is based on measurement of the absolute acoustic input impedance of the ear by means of a capacitive probe vibra tion meter The measurement of vibrations (order of magnitude 10 Å) is accomplished by measuring the changes of the capacity which consists of the plate of the probe and the vibrating part (Rubinstein *et al.*, 1964) The measuring device is an advanced development of a previously reported apparatus (Fischler *et al* 1964) The improvements result is a more universal device. Some electronic and constructional changes were introduced to improve the performance of the device

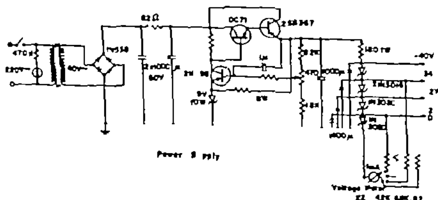
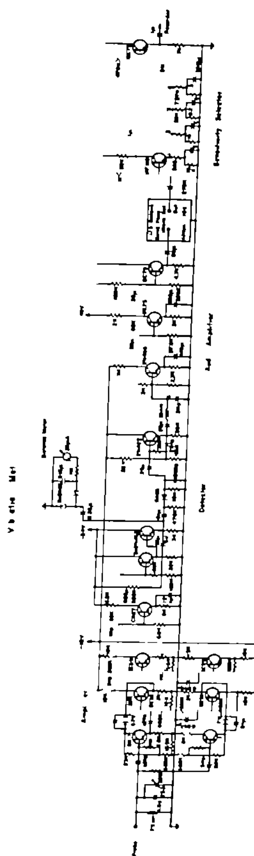


FIG. 3.



Figs. 1 3 Circuit diagram of capacitive-probe vibration met r

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The advantage of our device lies in its wide dynamic range, so as to include vibrations excited by a sound level up to 124 dB even in cases of good mobility of the membrane The apparatus enables measurements in the whole audio frequency range to be made by continuous automatic recording, within 3 minutes. In contrast to other absolute methods this system need not consider the air column between the probe and the tympanic membrane The testing frequency can serve simultaneously for stimulation of muscle reflexes and for measuring the tested ear itself

MEASUREMENTS

Experiments were made on 15 fresh temporal bone preparations in order to find characteristic patterns of the ear impedance as a function of frequency and its dependence on anatomical structure Another purpose was to find the relation between the characteristic curve of the middle ear loaded by the inner ear and the curve obtained after removal of the cochlea. This was achieved by extraction of the temporal bone together with the inner ear the study of the tympanic membrane vibrations, the removal of the inner ear and further measurement of the vibrations of the tympanic membrane The vibrations of the stapes were also recorded simultaneously During this procedure steps were taken to keep the preparation fresh by preserving it in a refrigerator and moistening it with physiologic solution.

RESULTS

The results of the measurements are given in Figs 4–9

(1) In spite of the differences in frequency characteristics of the various temporal bone preparations, it appears that in all cases the hearing system contains three regions of relatively high sensitivity separated by rather sharp drops in the higher frequency region. At lower frequencies the characteristic curve increases gradually These features are even more emphasized in the acoustic input impedance curves three resonance points appear in the region of higher frequencies, while at lower frequencies the impedance decreases gradually with increasing frequency and is accompanied by small ondulations. (These results were obtained for all preparation examined except that the gradient of the acoustic input impedance curves in the low frequency region shows some variations.)

The regions of the first acoustic impedance resonance appears systematically between 1000–2000 cps and is relatively broad. The second impedance appears at about 500 cps, and the third at about 800 cps.

A comparison of the frequency characteristics of the preparations Figs. 4–9 examined shows, that apart from small changes in the location of the resonances, they are essentially of the same shape and differ only with

The following improvements are of significance

(1) Selection of the displacement amplitude range in four successive steps makes it easy to cover a large excitation sound level range This was accomplished by changing the gain of the last audio stage (Fig 1) Exact calibration of the amplifier is needed in order to achieve a correspondance of the displacement to a certain output voltage This was performed with the Goodman s Vibration Meter (Model V47)

(2) An electronic distance meter was incorporated as a separate channel to indicate the distance between the capacity probe face and the measured area The distance measurement is accomplished by detection of the RF signal and D-C metering Thus the use of an auxiliary oscilloscope is avoided

(3) The last stage of the HF amplifier is a Darlington Circuit" serving as a matching element between the last HF amplifier stage and the parallel branches of RF detector and distance meter (Fig 1)

(4) In order to achieve load independence of the RF Oscillator output voltage a buffer stage following the L-C filter of the oscillator was built (Fig 2)

(5) The stabilized power supply (Fig 3) replaces the previous one

A new probe tip was developed It consists of a hollow tube (1.5 mm) along the axis of which a copper wire (0 1 mm) is streched with a silver plate of 2 mm diameter at one end and a screened coaxial cable (0 8 mm) at the other end This probe has a dual function as a capacitive probe conducting the modulated signal to the HF amplifier and as a sound pressure probe conducting the sound waves to the sound level control microphone The advantage of this probe lies in the precision of measuring the sound pressure always at the same distance from the vibrating area

The specifications of the vibration meter are at present as follows (a) *Measuring ranges* 2 5 5 10 25 Å for 0 dB of the recorder Range selection by switch (b) *Dynamic range* up to 7500 Å (c) *Frequency range* 20–20 000 cps (d) *Internal noise* The noise frequency curve has a maximum of 5 dB $\triangleq$ 45 Å (0 dB $\triangleq$ 25 Å) at 3000 cps and falls towards 0 dB at both ends of the frequency range

B *Evaluation*

The acoustic input impedance of the ear is determined from the recorded displacement curve as function of frequency of the tympanic membrane at the umbo for constant sound levels The corresponding formula is (Fischler *et al*)

$$Z(\text{dB}) = P(\text{dB}) - D(\text{dB}) - 20\log(2\pi f)$$

where Z = acoustic input impedance, P = sound pressure D = displacement f = frequency

The advantage of our device lies in its wide dynamic range so as to include vibrations excited by a sound level up to 124 dB, even in cases of good mobility of the membrane The apparatus enables measurements in the whole audio frequency range to be made by continuous automatic recording, within 3 minutes In contrast to other absolute methods, this system need not consider the air column between the probe and the tympanic membrane The testing frequency can serve simultaneously for stimulation of muscle reflexes and for measuring the tested ear itself

MEASUREMENTS

Experiments were made on 15 fresh temporal bone preparations in order to find characteristic patterns of the ear impedance as a function of frequency and its dependence on anatomical structure Another purpose was to find the relation between the characteristic curve of the middle ear loaded by the inner ear and the curve obtained after removal of the cochlea. This was achieved by extraction of the temporal bone together with the inner ear the study of the tympanic membrane vibrations, the removal of the inner ear and further measurement of the vibrations of the tympanic membrane The vibrations of the stapes were also recorded simultaneously During this procedure steps were taken to keep the preparation fresh by preserving it in a refrigerato and moistening it with physiologic solution

RESULTS

The results of the measurements are given in Figs 4–9

(1) In spite of the differences in frequency characteristics of the various temporal bone preparations, it appears that in all cases the hearing system contains three regions of relatively high sensitivity separated by rather sharp d ops in the higher frequency region At lower frequencies the characteristic curve increases gradually These features are even more mphasized in the acoustic input impedance curves three resonance points appear in the region of higher frequencies, while at lower frequencies the impedance decreases *gradually* with inc easing frequency and is accom panied by small ondulati ns. (These results we e obtained for all prepara tion examined, except that the gradient of the acoustic input impedance curves in the low frequency region shows some v riations)

The regions of the first acoustic impedance resonance appears systemati cally between 1000–2000 *cps* and is relatively broad. The second impedance appears at about 500 cps, and the third at about 800 cps.

\ comparison of the frequency haracteristics of the preparations Figs. 4 9 examined shows, that apart from small changes in the location of the resonances, they are essentially of the same shape and differ only with

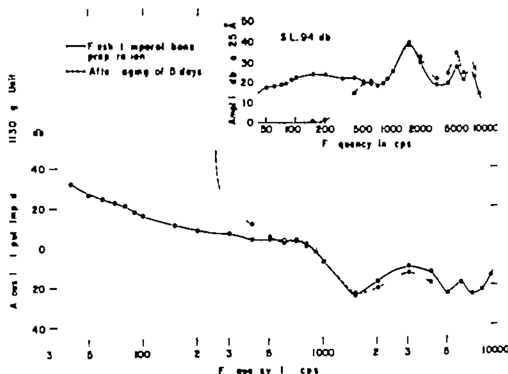
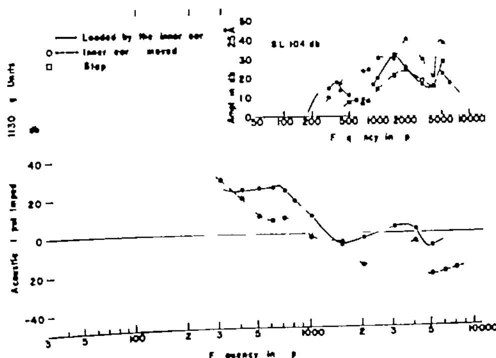


Fig 4 Acoustic input impedance characteristic of a fresh temporal bone preparation and the same preparation after 5 days aging



Figs. 5-9 (1) Acoustic input impedance characteristics of temporal bone preparations, measured at the umbo: (a) loaded by the inner ear (b) inner ear removed; and les l: 104 db Corresponding displacement curves: (a) of the tympanic membrane at the umbo, and (b) of the stapes

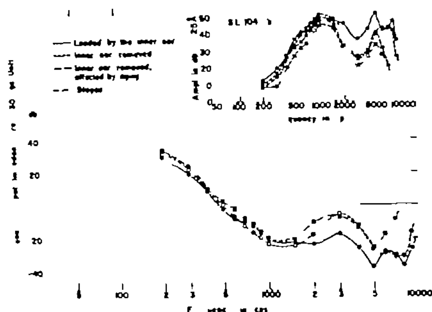


FIG. 6.

respect to the amplitude A physiological examination of these preparations revealed no anatomical abnormalities. In contrast we see that there exist remarkable deviations in the form of frequency characteristics of pathological temporal bone preparations, e.g. at an otosclerotic ear (Fig 10 in Fischler *et al.*, 1966)

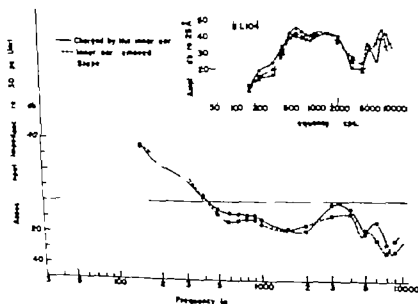


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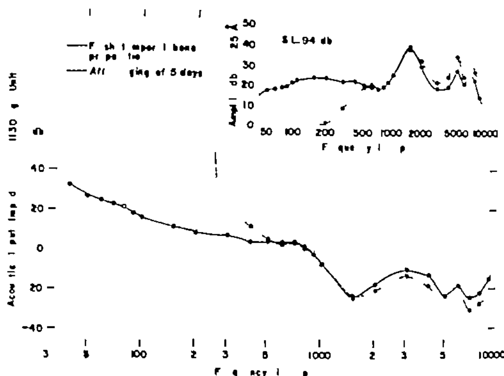
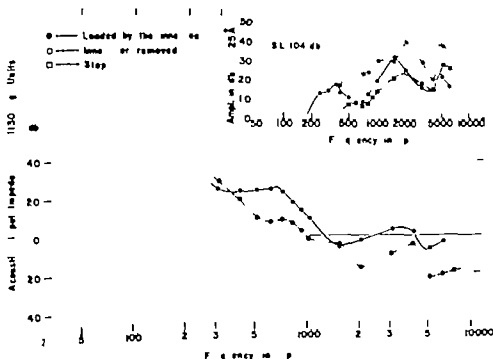


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Figs. 8–9 (1) Acoustic input impedance characteristic of temporal bone preparations, measured at the umbo (*a*) loaded by the inner ear (*b*) inner ear removed sound level 104 db. Corresponding displacement curves: (*a*) of the tympanic membrane at the umbo, and (*b*) of the stapes.

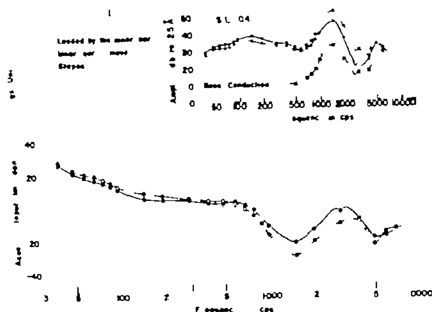


Fig. 9.

are not all on the same level They tend, with increasing frequency towards the minimum level mentioned. It is assumed that there exists another real relative component determined by the mechanical structure of the ossicles which is frequency dependent. This phenomenon may be characteristic to cadaver preparations, as a result of aging

(1 *b*) The locations of the acoustic impedance resonances fit closely to those of Lawrence (1950) (even though cats were used in his work) From the phase-frequency curve appearing in that article it can be seen that the locations of the ear's sensitivity peaks correspond closely with the frequencies at which the phase changes its sign.

(2) The phenomenon of resonance-frequency shift, resulting from removal of the inner ear as is shown in the impedance curve, can be explained by a mass decrease due to removal of the cochlea load

(3) The spread in magnitude of the lever transformation ratio as a function of frequency and for various temporal bones, is explained by its dependence on the degree of mobility of the ossicle chain and especially of the stapedial footplate

(4) Reduction of low frequency sensitivity observed in the aged anatomical preparation, is caused by increasing stiffness of the ossicular chain. Of the anatomical structure involved in the drying process, by far the most important part is the annular ligament of the stapedial footplate.

A similar occurrence of sensitivity decrease at low frequencies can be seen in the audiometric test of early otosclerotic cases where the otosclerotic focus just begins to infiltrate the annular ligament.

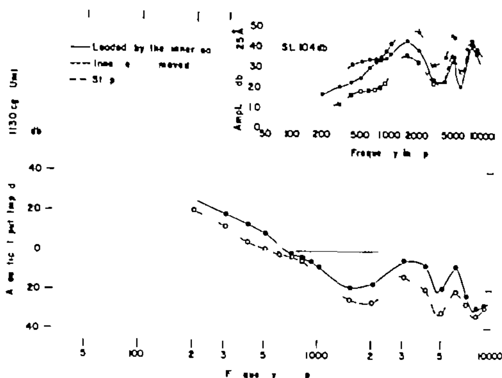


FIG 8.

(2) Comparing the impedance curve of the same temporal bone preparation before and after removal of the inner ear it can be seen that (taking into account the aging of the preparation and the influence of the cutting procedure on aging) there is a decrease in the acoustic impedance after operation We also note in some of the preparations a remarkable shift of the resonances

(3) Measuring the vibrations of the tympanic membrane and of the stapes simultaneously enables us to evaluate the lever transformation ratio of the unloaded middle ear ossicles throughout the frequency range This ratio shows a great spread for differing frequencies and for different preparations, while the shape of the frequency curve for the stapes is preserved

(4) The effect of aging of the preparation can be seen in Figs 4 and 6 This natural process is revealed by an increase in the acoustic impedance which becomes more pronounced in the lower frequency range

DISCUSSION

(1 *a*) By comparing the acoustic input impedance of the unloaded ear preparations (Figs 4–9) it can be seen that the three resonance points have (within the limits set by errors of measurement) a value coinciding closely with the characteristic impedance of air which is 41.5 dyn sec cm $\triangleq$ 28 7 dB This evidences optimal matching of the middle ear to the air at these points Some above-mentioned results show that those resonances

gangsimpedanz des Ohres von 15 frischen Postmortem-Präparaten wurde über den ganzen Tonfrequenzbereich verwertet, und Vergleiche zwischen dem unbelasteten und dem mit dem Innenohr belasteten Ohr wurden gezogen. Die Ergebnisse gaben Aufschluss über das charakteristische Verhalten des Ohres.

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CONCLUSION

(1) The main importance of the acoustic impedance curves for the whole reconstructive surgery of the ear[1] lies in the possible evaluation of the cochlear reserve" (i.e. the functional value of the inner ear and the supra cochlear pathways) by a more reliable method

The conventional audiometric examination uses air and bone-conducted sounds The air conduction test provides information on the sensitivity of the whole hearing system The bone conduction test, by passing the middle ear is supposed to measure the loss due to neural pathology only (i.e cochlear and supra cochlear defects) The difference between those two factors gives the loss due to the middle ear pathology This value is the basis of surgical treatment of middle ear diseases Unfortunately this procedure does not always give the desired result This is due to un certainty in the reliability of the bone conduction test which is often influenced by the middle ear pathology (e g Shambaugh-Carhart notch, Weber lateralization in conductive hearing loss absolute bone conduction etc.)

Contrary to the conventional audiometric technique it may be possible with the method described in this article, to determine the sensitivity loss caused by a defect in the inner ear with far better reliability

With the conventional method of hearing examination it is not possible to determine the functional value of the inner ear in the frequency range above 4000 cps due to the limitations of the mechanical vibrator (bone conductor) Such a limitation does not exist in our method

(2) The acoustic input impedance curve is dependent on the structure of the conductive system Comparison between the impedance curve of the examined ear and that of a normal one may therefore supply informa tion about the pathology of the middle ear Differences in the shape of *the impedance curve may lead to conclusions about the specific pathology* of the middle ear while the absolute impedance values may be an indicative examination of the degree of deafness

ZUSAMMENFASSUNG

Es wird eine Methode beschrieben für objektive Messung der Vibrationen des Trommelfells mit Hilfe eines kapazitiven Sondensystems. Das Instrument hat über den ganzen Tonfrequenzbereich einen dynamischen Bereich bis zu 7500 Å. Eine neue Sonde wurde entwickelt, welche gleichzeitig zur Leitung des modu lierten H.F-Signals wie auch fur die Tonführung dient Die akustische Ein

In trying to apply this m thod clinically difficulties ise du t th mall distance between the tympanic m mbran a d the probe Spont eou m ment f the patient s head might cause damage t th membra W re con iderl g m a to solve this problem.

TABLE 1 *Method and optimum exposure factors*

Method	kVp	mA	sec	cm	
	Exposure fa tor				
Skull					
Frontal view	95	100	2.0	80	kxo-15
Lateral view	90	100	1.5	80	kxo-15
Temporal bone					
Anolateral (Schuller)	90	150	1.5	60	kxo-15
Posterior profile (Stenvers)	88	200	0 4	50	kxo-15
Semi vial (Mayer)	90	200	0 4	50	kx 15
Paranasal sinus					
Postero anterior (occipito-frontal)	90	100	2 0	80	k 15
Postero-anterior (occipito-nasal)	95	100	2.5	80	k o-15
Oblique (Rhese)	90	100	2.0	80	kxo-15
Larynx					
Frontal iew	65	100	1.5	100	kxo-8
Lateral view	63	100	0 75	100	kxo-8

METHODS AND APPARATUS

Toshiba xeroradiography equipment type XRA 101 2 has been used throughout the study The schema of xeroradiography is shown in Fig 1 and e plained according to the rder of procedure

1 *Selenium plate charging (sensitization)* The selenium coated metal plate is positively charged by corona discharge for sensitization. The charged elenium plate is used as a photo-sensitive plate instead of the usual film

The potential on the surface of the plate after charging will decay with the lapse of time even without radiation or light (dark decay) Therefore the pl te hould usually be charged just before the roentgen-ray exposure is made

2 *Roentgen xpo ure* The roentgen exposure is performed by the con entional roentgenographic apparatus. The X ray apparatus of Toshiba KXO-15 and KXO-8 were used in the present study

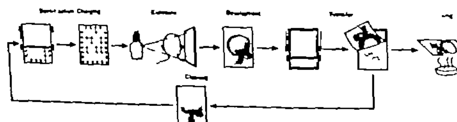


Fig. 1 Schema of eroradiographical processing

XERORADIOGRAPHY AND ITS CLINICAL APPLICATION TO OTO-LARYNGOLOGY

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Xeroradiography, a kind of electrostatic and dry photographic method for radiography, has the advantages of higher definition and wider latitude than ordinary roentgenography. The authors have developed the xeroradiographic technique for clinical use and explored the diagnostic application of this technique to problems in the field of oto-laryngology.

The limitations imposed by the delayed recovery of the selenium plate during repeated uses were almost eliminated by using a special recovery promoting instrument. Various regions of interest to the oto-laryngologist such as the temporal bone, the paranasal sinuses and the larynx were studied.

INTRODUCTION

Xeroradiography is a new type of roentgenographic method (McMaster 1951, 1961; Vyverberg, Clark & Dessauer 1955; Taylor & Tenny 1955; Roach & Hilleboe 1955 *a*, *b*; Oliphant, 1955; Yoshimura, Sudo & Sakata 1960; McGonnagle 1961). It is a kind of electrostatic and dry photographic method. That is, by using a selenium coated and positively charged metal plate (photosensitive selenium plate) instead of the usual film, it eliminates the need for a liquid developer and fixer for roentgenography. Furthermore, the roentgenogram obtained by this method has wider latitude and higher definition.

There are many reports of xeroradiography in the fields of industrial examination, but only a few in the fields of medical examination. These are limited to the bone extremities (Hills, Stanford & Moore 1955), disease of the bone and joint (Campbell & Roach 1959), dental application (Pogorzelska-Stronczak 1963), diagnosis of breast tumor (Gould *et al.*, 1960), mammography (Ruzicka *et al.* 1965) and megavoltage treatment planning (Farmer, Fowler & Haggith, 1963).

In this paper, diagnostic applications of xeroradiography to oto-laryngology will be presented. Various regions of interest to the oto-laryngologist such as the temporal bone, paranasal sinuses and larynx were studied.

the areas with higher charge attracting more powder than those with lesser charge

4 *Transfer* Although this powder image may be viewed readily with a viewing unit providing scattered illumination of the plate, ordinarily it is transferred to a plastic-coated paper by corona discharge

5 *Fixing* Then the transferred image is easily fixed by the vapor of an organic solvent (Trichlene) The vapor will soften the plastic coating of the paper sufficiently to fix the image of the powder on it. The fixed images appear to be as permanent as printer s ink

6. *Cleaning* The selenium plate can be re-utilized by applying a plate cleaning instrument (brush cleaner) Furthermore it is necessary to utilize a plate recovering instrument (relaxation unit) before repeated use With careful handling and cleaning the xeroradiographic plate may last for about a thousand successive exposures.

RESULTS

1 *Temporal bone*

The xeroradiogram of the temporal bone in axio-lateral projection in the Schüller position had good visualization The sharp outlines of the thin wall of the mastoid cells and the lateral sinus were clearer than an ordinary roentgenogram (Fig 4)

It was relatively difficult to obtain the petrosus region in posterior profile in the Stenvers position The apex and the upper and lower borders of the pyramid and the internal acoustic canal were well demonstrated by the present technique but the labyrinthal area was poorly demonstrated (Fig 5)

H wever the xeroradiogram of the tympanic cavity of semiaxial Projection in the Mayer position had fair visualization of the auditory ossicles (Fig 6)

2 *Paranasal sinuses*

It wa relatively difficult to obtain the xeroradiogram of the nasal cavities nd paranasal sinuses of a postero-anterior projection, but it was relatively easy t obtain an blique projection.

The frontal view of the skull had fairly good visualization. The nasal ca ity the nasal septum, the maxillary sinuses, the ethmoid cells, the orbital margin and the zygomatic arch were well demonstrated (Fig 7) The oblique view f the skull in the Rhese position had good visualization a well. The frontal and sphenoidal sinuses, the ethmoidal cells, and the profil view f the optic foramen were clearly demonstrated (Fig 8)

3 *Larynx*

It was rel tively difficult to obtain a xeroradiogram of the larynx and pharynx from frontal views, but very easy to obtain those from lateral views.

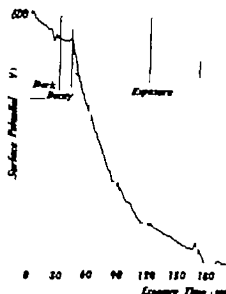


Fig. 2. Decay of surface potential (Dark decay and expo ure decay)

As indicated in Table 1 the suitable exposure factors varied with the object and methods

The charge on the plate surface will decay roughly in proportion to the radiation dose (Fig 2) But the decay characteristics seem to depend on roentgen tube voltage even if the dose rate is identical (Fig 3) Thus, after exposure the charge pattern remaining on the plate surface forms an electrostatic latent image.

3 *Developing* The electrostatic latent (invisible) image on the selenium surface may be revealed by spraying on the plate finely divided pigmented powder (Tonner) which has been given an electrostatic charge of the opposite sign by frictional electricity The powder will adhere to the plate

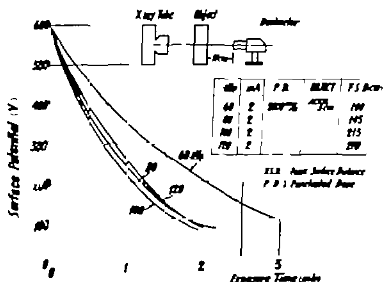


Fig 3 Decay characteristics d pend n v rion roentgen-tube It ges



Fig. 8 Rhese lew f the k ll, normal femal of 18 years of ge

routine xerora liogram (Fig 12) but in many cases the aid of a contrast medium would be required as a rule (Kimura, 1960)

DISCUSSION

(1) Xeroradiography is a technique still in the early stage of its development f r medical a plication, however it has certain advantageous charac teri ties a follows.

A higher image definition may be achieved because the resolving power f the xerogra hic plate i greater than that of the conventional roent genographic film (Roach & Hilleboe 1955 b Gould *et al* 1960) The out line of th im ges of xeroradiograph s are particularly pronounced at the edge (edge-effect) because the trength f the field is considerably greater at the edge of a charged rea than it i at the center (Roach & Hilleboe 195 a) The wider latitude f xeroradiography makes the visualization of soft tissue with bon r air feasible

Furtherm re on may take into account rapid and dry processing as an ad ntage f xeroradiography

(2) A regard th relati n between exposure range and image contrast it wa bserved that exces ive exposure resulted in a dark image with l w contra t A imil r result ha been reported previously (Yoshimura, Sud & Sakata 1960) It has been lescribed that xeroradiographs of the hea l t k n at high kilo-v lt ges (120 to 140 kV) were of superior quality (Larm r Fowler & Haggith 1963) wherea under the conditions of our observation it wa somewhat different as indicated in Table 1 from their lescription

Care mu t be taken with the irradiation dosage because xeroradiography

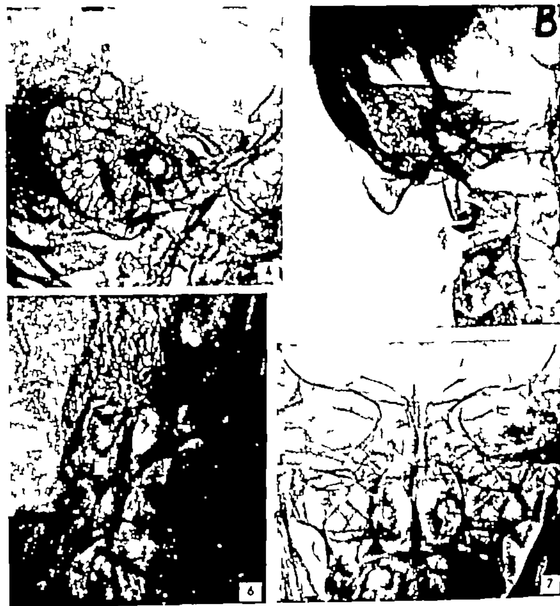


Fig 4 Schüller vi w of th t mporal bon normal fem le of 16 years f age
Fig. 5 St n rs vi w of th petros regi n, norm l mal of 31 y ars f ag
Fig. 6 M yer's i w f the tympanic cavities, n rmal f mal f 20 years f age The auditory o icles (maleu a d incu) are fai ly d m trated
Fig. 7 Postero-anteri r i w f the paran sal si s, n rmal male f 20 rs f age

The lateral view of the larynx had the advantage of showing details of the soft tissue bone detail air passage and skin outline all within the same roentgen ray exposure range (Fig 9)

The images of an epipharynx-cancer were clearly demonstrated The outline of the posterior wall of the pharynx was pronounced because of the edge-effect of xeroradiography (Fig 10)

In the case of a malignant struma, the tumor was observed as a soft tissue shadow in xeroradiogram (Fig 11)

In some cases the shadow of the neck-cancer was demonstrated in the

ending phenomenon due to air ionization (Nyerberg, Clark & Dessauer 1955) was very rarely observed as far as our experiments were concerned.

(3) The development of the image is one of the most critical steps in the process of producing images xerographically

We have utilized the smoke method (Nagami *et al* 1963) which is a mixed type of Cascade and Open chamber method (Hughes, 1959) It was observed that the smoke method could bring about excellent results

(4) It is thought that moisture proofing is one of the most important factors to obtain good visualization of xeroradiographic images as well One cannot obtain a good xeroradiogram under conditions of a high percentage of humidity For this reason the entire xeroradiographic process was performed in a moisture-controlled room

(5) The limitations imposed by the problem of recovering the selenium plate before repeated use was almost eliminated by using a special recovery instrument which has an automatic thermostatic control After the selenium plate is cleaned the back of the plate is exposed to infra-red heating lamps for a short time at a temperature of 50 C, and then is rapidly cooled to room temperature by a bla t of forced air (Ogawa, 1965)

(6) It was relatively difficult to obtain the xeroradiogram of a frontal view both of the skull and of the larynx, whereas it was very easy to obtain that of a lateral view

The vi ualization of the object may have some relation to its size The apparatus and structures which have a certain size such as the tympanic cavity the m toid cells, the nasal cavity the paranasal sinuses, the pharynx and the larynx had good visualization

But the apparatus which lie in the deep parts of the head and which have a finer ize such as semicircular canals had poor vi ualization It seem th t a e usative factor for it may be the insufficiency of image contrast or the in dequacy of roentgen ray quality Further studies on these probl ms w uld be required

A a whole xeroradiography has a wider latitude which makes possible a roentgenographic examination of bone and tissue at the same time. The xeroradiographic image has a higher definition moreover the outlines of the images are particularly pronounced at the edge

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ZUSAMMENFASSUNG

Die Xeroradiographie ist ein neuartiges röntgenographisches Untersuchungsverf hren. Da statt des üblichen Filmes ei mit Selen überzogen geladene









FIG. 9 Lateral view f the l rvng, n m l mal of 60 rs f ag
FIG. 10 Lateral view of th ph rynx, f m l f 25 y rs of ge Th piphar ynx tumor is clearly demon trated
FIG. 11 Later l vi w of a malign nt thyrol l tu io f m l f 51 rs f g
FIG. 12 Lateral lew f the larynx, n al f 50 y ars f g The neck ncer i l rl demonstrated

requires an increased exposure It has been reported that with higher kilo-voltage and filtration the patient will be greatly protected from radiation damage (Henny 1958)

The irradiation dose for xeroradiography of the skull according to our method is less than that of tomography of the same region The under

EFFECTS OF CHEMICAL ALTERATION IN THE ENDOLYMPH ON THE COCHLEAR POTENTIALS

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The scala media of the guinea pig cochlea was perfused with isotonic KCl, Ringer' solution and perilymph. The cochlea potentials were recorded during and subsequent t the perfusion. Our results indicated that in those animals perfused with perilymph the cochlear potentials were more remarkably depressed than in those perfused with KCl solu tion. We propose that high potassium concentration in the endolymph is indispensable for maintaining cochlear function while low potassium or high sodium media cause irreversible functional damage to th cochlea

The chemical determination of the concentration of monovalent ions in the cochlear fluid of the guinea pig by Smith, Lowry & W n (1954) indicates that the endolymph contains high potassium (144 meq/L) low sodium (15.8 meq/L) and high chloride (107 meq/L) concentrations, while the perilymph has almost the same ionic composition as spinal fluid. The existence of this high potassium concentration in the endolymph was confirmed in different species by other investigators in the cat by Citron, Exley & Hallpike (1956) and in the turtle the frog and the lizard by Johnst ne Smith & Johnstone (1963) It is still unclear whether the ex istence of high potassium and low sodium concentration in the endolymph i essential for maintaining the high sensitivity of the hair cells of the organ of Corti. Recently Tasaki (1960) proposed that this peculiar ionic composition f the endolymph contributes to lowering the activity threshold f the hair cells of the org n of Corti

In order t study adequately the effect of potassium concentration in th endolymph upon cochlear potentials, we undertook to develop micro-techniques by which the endolymph could be replaced with a solution of known pota ium nd/or sodium ion concentration at a constant rate of perfusi n

E idence will be presented which indicates that high potassium con centration in the endolymph is indispensable for maintaining cochlear function, while l w pot s ium or high sodium media cause irreversible functional d mage to the cochlea.

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Metallplatte verwendet wird ist kein flüssiges Entwickeln und Fixieren nötig. Aus diesem Grunde wird die Methode Xero genannt Wir erprobten die klinisch diagnostische Anwendung der Xeroradiographie in der Otolaryngologie Die Begrenzung des Verfahrens, die dadurch entsteht dass der Selenüberzug erneuert werden muss, konnte durch Verwendung eines geeigneten Apparates fast beseitigt werden Es wurden verschiedene Organe der Otolaryngologie untersucht so das Schläfenbein die Nasennebenhöhlen und der Larynx

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The perfusates used in these experiments were mammalian Ringer s solution isotonic KCl solution and perilymph. The sample of perilymph wa taken from the contralateral cochlea. The round window was exposed in the left ear by the retroauricular approach. A glass pipette with a tip diameter of approximately 100 microns was mounted on a micromanipulator and lowly advanced into the scala tympani through the round window membrane The perilymph was collected in this pipette by capillary action. The testing fluids were kept at room temperature (approximately 20 C)

C. *Testing Procedure*

Upon completion of the surgery the guinea pig was given 0 1 cc of D-tubocurarine chloride intravenously and placed on an artificial respirator The head was tightly mounted on a specially designed metal holder and sound stimuli were delivered to the ear through a polyethylene tube. After CM SP and AP elicited by the tone burst were recorded, the scala vestibuli was widely pened in the fourth turn so a to visualize Reissner s mem brane At times a droplet of methylene blue solution was introduced into thi window in order to facilitate the visualization of Reissner s membrane Then Reissner's membrane was widely torn with a small glass hook. Upon completion of the rupture of Reissner s membrane the glass pipette electrode was inserted into the scala media through the spiral ligament t measure EP Finally the perfusion pipette was advanced to the scala media in the basal turn until a positive EP was registered on the electrometer During the preliminary period before the initiation of the per fu i n SM SP and AP were recorded immediately after each of these teps.

The perfusion was then carried out by applying positive air pressure to the perfu ion pipette The rate of the perfusion was controlled by adjust ment of this positive pressure. Usually 20 to 40 minutes were required to inject 1 t 2 microliters of the perfusate Sometimes the tip of the per fu ion pipette w uld become blocked, and the perfusate could not be introduced moothly into the scala media To make certain that the perfusion wa being ffectively done it was necessary to note whether the meniscus at th oil perfusate interface was moving at a constant rate and this w done under high magnific tion of an operating microscope The cochlear potentials were measured at 15 second interval until they became tabilized, at which time records were taken every 30 seconds for p roximately one hour after initiation of the perfusion.

Upon completion f the perfusion, the pipette wa removed from the cochlea and examined with the calibrated ocular micrometer in order to calculate the v lume of the fluid injected.

In lmost every experim nt, the dc resting potential of the organ of Corti w mea ured after completion of th experiment A gla s pipette lectrode with tip di meter of approximately 1 micron was introduced

METHODS

A *Arrangements for Recording Potentials*

The experiments were carried out on guinea pigs anesthetized with pentobarbital sodium 40 mg/kg body weight intraperitoneally The trachea of the animal was intubated and the left jugular vein was cannulated for intravenous injection The right cochlea was exposed by the classical ventrolateral approach In order to measure the endocochlear potential (EP) a small fenestra was made over the spiral ligament of the basal or the second turn so that a glass pipette electrode mounted on a micromanipulator could be inserted into the scala media The pipette electrode with a tip diameter of 3 to 5 microns was filled with isotonic KCl solution in which a chloride-coated silver wire was immersed When recording the cochlear microphonics (CM) summating potential (SP) and action potential of the auditory nerve (AP) the differential electrode technique (Tasaki & Fernández, 1952) was employed These electrodes were placed in the basal turn and in some cases a second pair was inserted in the second turn Differential electrodes were placed symmetrically with the glass pipette electrode positioned between them so that all three were aligned in the same axis. A chloride-coated silver wire placed on the neck muscles served as the reference electrode EP was measured by means of an electrometer and CM SP and AP were displayed on an oscilloscope and photographed Sound stimuli used were tone bursts of 4000 cps at approximately 75 dB (re 0 0002 dynes/cm²) The individual stimuli lasted 8 msec with fast rising and falling time

B *Perfusion of Scala Media*

The surgery preparatory to perfusing the scala media consisted of first making a second fenestra over the spiral ligament of the basal turn and then rupturing Reissner's membrane at the fourth turn so that a glass micropipette filled with the perfusate could be inserted into the scala media and the cochlear endolymph could be replaced with the perfusate without noticeable increase of the cochlear pressure This fenestra was made close to the oval window in order to insure that the perfusate reached the area in which electrodes were placed The perfusion micropipette with a tip diameter of approximately 10 to 30 microns was connected through a polyethylene tube to a source of compressed air the pressure of which could be adjusted by a stopcock This perfusion pipette also served as a microelectrode for measurement of EP the dual function being accomplished by inserting a chloride-coated silver wire into the perfusate in the pipette The rest of the lumen of the pipette was filled with air free paraffin oil The meniscus at the paraffin oil perfusate interface could be easily visualized and its excursion measured with a calibrated ocular micrometer to determine the amount of perfusate injected into the scala media

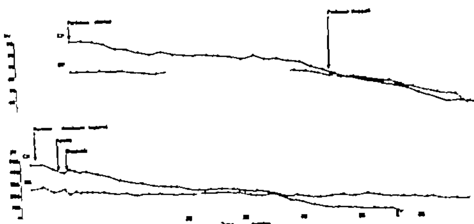


FIG. 1 An example of cha ges in EP nd CM during and after perfusion f the scala media with 2.18 microliters f isotonic KCl solution. *EP* and *EP* represent the endocochlear potential in the basal and second turn respectively Similarly *CM* and *CM* indicat cochlea microphonics in the basal and second turn. Perfusion is started with 9 mi \ Sound stimulus 4000 cps tone burst at pproximately 75 dB.

other hand, a 50 per cent drop in CM was observed 30 to 60 minutes after the perfusion. AP was depressed more slowly than was CM but the overall pattern was similar for both. SP changed in different ways during this period. In most cases the negative SP gradually decreased in magnitude but in a few SP reversed its polarity Fig 1 shows the behavior of EP and CM during and after the perfusion of the scala media with isotonic KCl solution.

When perilymph was used as the perfusate, its effect on the cochlear potentials was striking. In fact, EP was maintained at or above its original v lue during the perfusion, but CM began to decline progressively On the average CM dropped to 50 per cent of the original magnitude within 10 minutes after initiation of the perfusion and then the rate of its reduc ti n became slow until it reached the post mortem level. EP was also progres ively depressed after perfusion with perilymph. Most of the cases h wed a 50 per cent drop of EP 20 to 30 minutes after the perfusion. AP decreased to 40 per cent of its initial magnitude within 5 minutes. Unlike CM and AP SP usually increased in it negativity during the initial period of the perfusion This temporary increase was followed by a gradual decrease after a certain tim lapse The pattern of the change in SP ried considerably among individuals. In several animals, SP did not exhibit orderly changes and it might increase decrease and again increase wherea amplitudes of both CM and AP decreased in an orderly progression Fig 2 hows n example of changes in CM and EP during and subsequent to perfusion of the scala media with perilymph.

When Ringer solution w s used as the perfusate, changes in the ochlear potential were imilar to those observed in perfusion of the scala

into the organ of Corti through the round window membrane In each animal three separate measurements were taken, the electrode being withdrawn and reinserted each time and an average value obtained

In a few animals the *temporal bones were perfused intravitally with* Heidenhain s Susa fixature and saved for further histological study In cases where the temporal bones were not preserved, methylene blue was *injected into the scala media in order* to detect possible damage to the cochlear partition caused by excessive hydrostatic pressure during perfusion

RESULTS

As a control experiment we examined the effect of rupture of Reissner s membrane in the fourth turn upon the cochlear potential in the basal and second turns In the basal and second turns magnitudes of EP and CM elicited by 4000 cps tone bursts were measured before and after the rupture of Reissner s membrane and were found to remain essentially unaltered for one to two hours, providing excess fluid was removed from the auditory bulla

Thirteen guinea pigs were used for the perfusion of the scala media with isotonic KCl solution six for perfusion with mammalian Ringer s solution and eighteen for perfusion with perilymph The quantity of the perfusate varied in each experiment ranging from 0.24 to 2 24 microliters The rate of the perfusion also varied from a maximum of 0 0/3 to a minimum of 0 014 microliters per minute with most cases falling in the range of 0 020 to 0 030 microliters per minute When the rate of the perfusion was constant and slow enough to avoid hydrostatic damage F1 *in the* basal turn began to rise slowly 1 minute after initiation of the perfusion This rise in EP was usually less than 10 mV then reached a plateau and gradually returned to the original value This initial increase of FP *was recorded in almost all cases and its* change was not related to the perfusate used but rather to the rate of the perfusion This temporary increase of FI was usually associated with an increase of the negativity of SP *regardless of its sign prior to perfusion* On the other *hand* there were only slight changes in the magnitude of CM and AP during this initial period as long as care was taken to remove any excess fluid from the bulla

When 3 to 4 minutes had elapsed all responses except EP started to decline gradually The rate of their depression was not proportional to the time course *and the degree of their depression differed for* each of the cochlear potentials

When the endolymph was replaced with isotonic KCl solution CM in the basal turn was *generally found to be reduced to 80 to 90 per cent* of the original magnitude 10 minutes after the perfusion while FI was well maintained at a high level FP dropped to /0 to 80 per cent of its original value 50 to 60 *minutes* after initiation of the perfusion on the

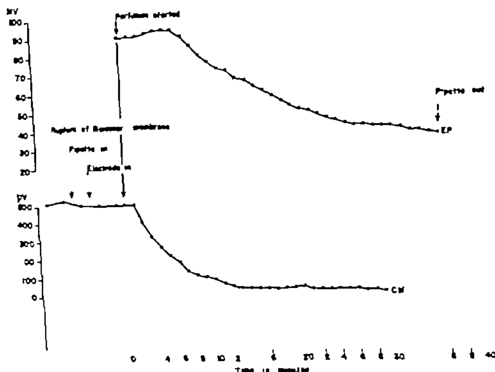


Fig. 2. Ch ges i EP and CM during nd after perfu ion of the scala media with 1.34 microliters of Ri ger solution. EP and CM are measured i the basal t rn. Sound stim lus 4000 cps tone burst t pproximat ly 60 dB.

As long as the periodic measurements for the cochlear potentials were continued, up to 30 minutes, or longer after the perfusion was stopped, none of the experimental animals showed any tendency to recover The cochl ar potentials did not exhibit any sign of the recovery process in either the basal or second turns, even when isotonic KCl solution was used as the perfusate In some cases, the perfusate was replaced later with artificial end lymph containing one part of isotonic KCl solution and three part f Ringer s solution Cochlear potentials in the basal turn did not h w recovery at all but continued to decline

The negati e dc potential within the organ of Corti was tested when hanges of the cochlear potential leveled off Relatively large variations in the negative value were found. The average values obtained were 75 mV n KCl-treated animals, 44 mV in perilymph-treated, and 48 mV in Ringer treated The a erage values appeared to indicate a slight reduction but no signifi ant correlation wa f und between the magnitude of the negative p tenti l found in the organ of Corti and the degree of depression of CM

DISCUSSION

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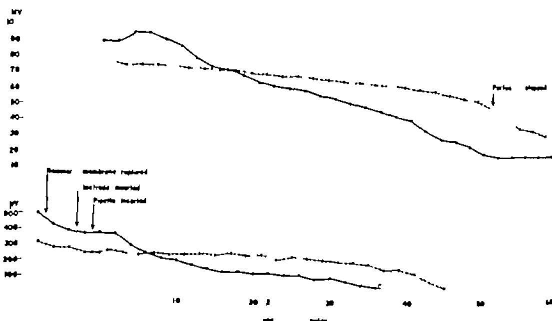


FIG. 2. Changes in EP and CM during and subsequent to perfusion of the scala media with 1 40 microliters of perilymph Perfusion is started with 0 minute

media with perilymph and no significant differences were found between the two groups although the number of cases was small Fig 3 shows the changes in CM and EP during and after perfusion of the scala media with Ringer s solution

The histogram shown in Fig 4 indicates distribution of the response decline of EP and CM after perfusion with KCl solution and perilymph It can be seen that there is a wide variation within each group However it does appear that in those animals perfused with KCl solution the distribution is not as wide as in those perfused with perilymph even though the rate and volume of injection varied from one animal to another Looking at the histogram it seems that the rate and volume of perfusion are more critical when perilymph is used

Simultaneous recording of the cochlear potentials in the basal and second turns was carried out in 17 cases The quantity of the perfusate varied in each experiment ranging from 0 3 microliters to 2 3 microliters The depression of all the cochlear volume critical potentials was generally related to the amount of the perfusate A small volume of perfusate produced depression of the cochlear potentials in the basal turn and in order to produce a comparable depression in the second turn it was necessary to introduce a much larger volume of perfusate In other words more than 1 microliter of the perfusate caused a parallel reduction of CM and EP in both basal and second turns with a certain time delay in the second turn as shown in Figs 1 and 2 on the other hand a relatively small quantity of the perfusate depressed CM and EP more remarkably in the basal turn than in the second turn

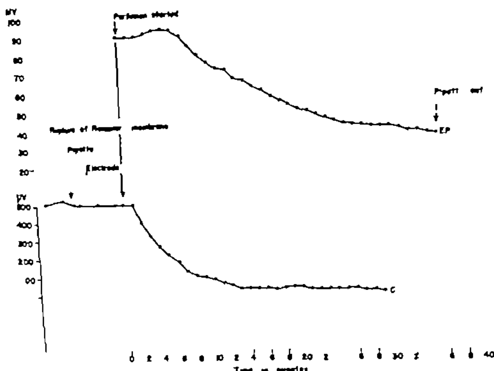


Fig. 3 Changes in EP and CM during and after perfusion of the scala media with 1.24 microliters of Ringer's solution. EP and CM are measured in the basal turn. Sound stimulus 4000 cps tone burst approximately 80 dB.

As long as the periodic measurements for the cochlear potentials were continued up to 30 minutes, or longer after the perfusion was stopped, none of the experimental animals showed any tendency to recover. The cochlear potentials did not exhibit any sign of the recovery process in either the basal or second turns, even when isotonic KCl solution was used as the perfusate. In some cases, the perfusate was replaced later with artificial endolymph containing one part of isotonic KCl solution and three parts of Ringer's solution. Cochlear potentials in the basal turn did not show recovery at all but continued to decline.

The negative dc potential within the organ of Corti was tested when changes of the cochlear potentials leveled off. Relatively large variations in the negative value were found. The average values obtained were 75 mV in KCl treated animals, 44 mV in perilymph-treated, and 48 mV in Ringer treated. The average values appeared to indicate a slight reduction but no significant correlation was found between the magnitude of the negative potential found in the organ of Corti and the degree of depression of CM.

DISCUSSION

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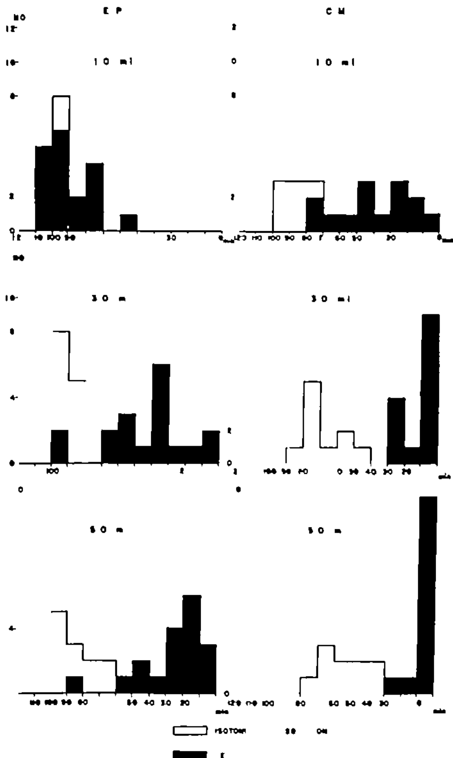


Fig. 4. Histogram showing response decline of EP and CM in the basal turn after perfusion of the scala media with isotonic KCl solution and perilymph. The ordinate indicates the number of animals and the abscissa the response expressed in percent of the initial value. The white bars indicate the perfusion with isotonic KCl solution and the solid black ones the perfusion with perilymph. Time is shown in minutes after the beginning of the perfusion.

lower turns, including EP indicates that both EP and the cochlear responses recorded by the electrodes in the basal and second turns as described are generated within the basal turn and that the removal of Reissner's membrane in the fourth has little effect on the electrical or acoustical property of the basal and second turns.

Tasaki Davis & Eldredge (1954) tested the effect of hydrostatic pressure within the scala media on the dc potential in the scala media. Increase of the pressure in the scala media caused an increase in the dc potential and negative pressure applied to the scala media resulted in reduction in the dc potential. They concluded from their experiment that the slow modulation of the dc potential is caused by some structure that lies on the basilar membrane Later Davis (1957) postulated that the downward movement of the basilar membrane caused hyperpolarization of the hair cells of the organ of Corti, and consequently the dc potential in the scala media is increased by this change The appearance of the initial increase in EP after perfusion can be explained as the direct effect of pressure increase in the scala media by the perfusion. The slow recoveries may represent gradual equalization of pressure by slow movement of the cochlear fluid. O the basi of our experimental data, there is little doubt that the magnitude f this temporary increase in EP is not dependent upon the medi injected into the scala media but upon the rate of the perfusion

Changes in the cochlear potentials produced by replacement of the cochlear end lymph with perilymph or Ringer's solution are clearly different from those produced by perfusion of the scala media with isotonic KCl lution It i apparent that EP is depressed more by replacement of the endolymph with potassium poor perfusate than by potassium rich medium H wever there is no abrupt drop in EP but, instead a gradual decline It i g nerally accepted that EP is maintained by the metabolic activity f the stria v scularis (Tasaki & Spyropoulos, 1959)

The fact that any alteration of the chemical composition of the endolymph resulted in the gradual decline of EP indicates that potassium rich endolymph is essential t n rmal function of the stria vascularis

In contrast to the changes in EP CM and AP decline abruptly after the perfusion of the scala media with perilymph or Ringer's solution Da i *et al* (1953) demonstrated that if Ringer's solution wa injected int th scala media, there was a rather rapid failure of all electrical responses. In our experiment, complete replacement of the end lymph in the basal turn was tt mpted and the depression of CM was found to be more closely dependent n lowering of the potassium concentration in the ndolymph than w s EP What comprises this event is conjectural at present Davi (19 7) postulated that a high potassium concentration in endolymph might be essential to preserving the colloidal state of the tectorial membrane T saki (1960) found that the squid axon membrane and th toad nodal membrane treated with potassium rich media and subjected t nodal polarization, were extremely sensitive to changes in hydro-

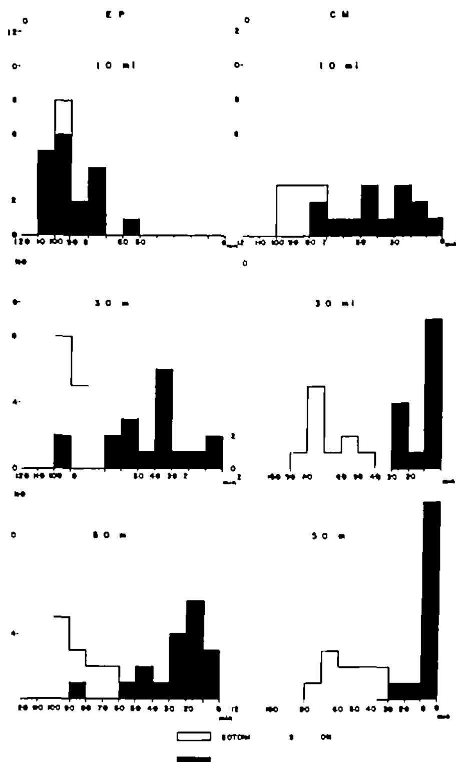


Fig 4 Hi togr m how g respo decll e f EP a d CM I th ba l turn fter per f si n of tl scal med with isot nl KCl soluti n a d peril mpl The rdi I indicates th number f nimal nd the abscl sa th response pressed in per ce t f the i itial l e Th whit bars i di t tl perf l with isot nic KCl luti n and the solid black es th perfusi n with perilymph. Tim I hown i mi utes after the beginning f the perfu I

ratio of potassium to sodium has been demonstrated in endolymph of *elasmobranchs* as well as in *teleosts* (Enger 1964). This seems to indicate that phylogenetically this feature develops quite early, whereas the high EP is more characteristic of higher animals such as reptiles and birds (Smith & Fernández, 1962). The higher ratio of potassium to sodium in the endolymph seems to be related to the development of hearing. Our results show that in guinea pigs potassium-rich endolymph is necessary not only for normal metabolism of the stria vascularis but also to maintain high sensitivity of the hair cells of the organ of Corti to sound and low potassium or high sodium media in the scala media cause irreversible depression of the cochlear potentials. It is reasonable to assume that our experimental data obtained in guinea pigs is applicable to cochleas of other mammals. Such data may offer a clue to the origin of certain types of sensori-neural deafness. More information is needed concerning the process responsible for this irreversible damage to the cochlear function and may contribute to better understanding of the nature of sensori-neural deafness.

CONCLUSION

The effect of perfusion of the scala media with perilymph, isotonic KCl and mammalian Ringer's solution was tested in normal guinea pigs.

1. The rupture of Reissner's membrane in the fourth turn did not significantly modify the cochlear potential in the basal or the second turn.

2. The temporary increase of EP associated with an increase of the negativity of SP shortly after perfusion was produced by an increase of the hydrostatic pressure within the scala media which caused a downward displacement of the basilar membrane.

3. When the endolymph was replaced with isotonic KCl solution CM was generally found to be reduced to 80 to 90 per cent of the original magnitude 10 minutes after the perfusion, and a 50 per cent drop of CM was observed 30 to 60 minutes after the perfusion. EP, on the other hand, reached its 80 to 90 per cent value 30 to 60 minutes after the initiation of the perfusion.

4. Although there was a wide variation, when perilymph was used as the perfusate, CM generally began to decline progressively and dropped to 50 per cent of its original value within 10 minutes after the perfusion and then reached the post mortem level. EP showed a 30 per cent drop 20 to 30 minutes after the perfusion.

5. The effect of Ringer's solution as the perfusate was similar to that observed in the perfusion of the scala media with perilymph and no significant differences were found between the two groups.

6. None of the cochlear potentials showed any tendency to recover after the perfusion of the scala media with these perfusates.

7. The negative dc potential within the organ of Corti appeared to show a slight reduction after the perfusion of the scala media, but no significant correlation was found between the magnitude of the negative potential in the organ of Corti and the degree of depression of CM.

8. We cannot dismiss the possibility of the mechanical destruction of the

static pressure and to mechanical distortion of the membrane These results led him to a reasonable explanation concerning the mechanism whereby mechanical energy is transformed into electrical energy at the hair bearing end of the hair cells and he ascribed the high sensitivity of this transducer action to the existence of EP and high potassium concentration in the endolymph It can be reasonably assumed that perilymph or Ringer's solution injected into the scala media did not affect cell bodies of the hair cells of the organ of Corti because these are isolated from the fluid in the scala media by the reticular layer This idea is also confirmed by the fact that the negative dc potential in the organ of Corti was not abolished but slightly reduced by the replacement of the endolymph with perilymph As the dc potential in the organ of Corti was measured by a fine micropipette it is certainly the intracellular potential and represents the activity of the hair cells Presumably the alteration of the chemical composition of the endolymph might result in reduction of the sensitivity of hair cells to mechanical stimulation This can explain the fact that the hair cells in the vestibular apparatus maintain their high sensitivity without a high dc potential in the endolymphatic duct

Another prominent feature observed after perfusion of the scala media with either isotonic KCl Ringer's solution or perilymph is the irreversible and progressive depression exhibited by all cochlear potentials Very probably it is that changes in the chemical composition of the endolymph cause permanent dysfunction of the cochlea

Mechanical destruction of the cochlear partitions particularly the organ of Corti, caused by the perfusion of the scala media is always a possibility and it is very difficult to decide how much influence it exerts on the changes of the cochlear potentials To substantiate this possibility one would insist that the changes of the cochlear potential observed in our experiments are always irreversible We cannot dismiss this explanation of our data Nonetheless it does not adequately account for the different effects of the various perfusates on the cochlear potentials, even though it is true that perfusion rate varied considerably between individuals In addition to this, the various perfusates were introduced directly into the scala media of the basal turn yet their effect on the cochlear potentials in the second turn is similar to that in the basal turn From these facts, we can assume that the mechanical damage to the cochlear partition caused by the perfusion is minimal and that the observed changes of the cochlear potentials were due to alteration of the chemical composition of the endolymph

There are other possible ways to account for our data Oxygen tension and pH of the perfusates may modify the cochlear potential However there is not enough knowledge available concerning these biophysical characteristics of the endolymph and therefore it is impossible at present to evaluate the importance of these factors The ionic composition of the endolymph has been analyzed in various animals A comparatively high

VESICLES AND BASEMENT MEMBRANE CHANGES ASSOCIATED WITH HYDROPS OF THE SACCULE AND ENDOLYMPHATIC DUCT AND SAC

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Th significa ce f vesiculations of the m mbranous labyrinth are discussed from the point of iew of normal and i creased pi ocytosi activit Basement membran changes i the membranou w ll of the saccule are demonstrated in patient with hydrops of the saccule and endolymphatic duct and sac. Th esiculation and basement m mbran changes are believed t indicat the movement of large amounts of fluid across the membrane w lls.

Th temporal bones from a patient with marked distention of the saccule and end lymphatic duct and sac associated with "inherited sensori neural deafness have recently been studied in our laboratory The details of the pathological findings will be presented in a separate report. Very pronounced hydropic dist ntion of the saccule and endolymphatic duct and sac was present bil terally (Fig. 1) with normal caliber of the cochlear duct, utricle and semicircular canals Throughout the saccule, semicircular canals and e d lymphatic duct and sac numerous vesicles were present with protru i n into the lumina. Varied size vacuoles were observed within the cyt plasm of the epithelial cells of these structures (Fig 2) The vacuoles were either clear or contained faintly eosinophilic amorphous material In addition hyaline protrusions containing vesicles and round PAS positive tructures were observed in the saccule and endolymphatic d ct which in some areas were attached t the wall of these structures and in ther areas were lying free within the lumina (Figs 3 and 4) These were irregula in size and shape The wall of the saccule revealed several thicker areas containing pale eosinophilic o clear material in which rounded clumps of PAS positive material were discernible (Fig 5)

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organ of Corti caused by the perfusion of the scala media yet we can safely assume that the observed changes of the cochlear potentials were due to the alteration of the chemical composition in the endolymph because the changes in the cochlear potentials in the second turn followed these in the basal turn in similar course but with *a certain delay time*

9 Our results showed that high potassium concentration in the endolymph is indispensable for maintenance of the cochlear function while low potassium or high sodium media cause irreversible functional damage to the cochlea

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Die Scala media der Meerschweinchen Cochlea wurde mit isotonischem KCl *Ringerscher Lösung und Perilymphe perfundiert Während und nach der Per*fusion wurden die Cochlea Potentiale aufgezeichnet Nach unseren Resultaten sind die Cochlea Potentiale in Tieren die mit Perilymphe perfundiert wurden, stärker unterdrückt als in denen die mit KCl Lösung perfundiert wurden Zur Erklärung schlagen wir vor dass eine hohe Kaliumkonzentration in der Endolymphe unerlässlich für die Aufrechterhaltung der Cochlea Funktion ist während Lösungen arm an Kalium oder reich an Natrium irreversible Funktionsschädigungen der Cochlea hervorrufen

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Fig. 2. Vesicles in the epithelium of the horizontal semicircular canal with protrusion into the l men. H mat xylin and eosin, 250

with the creation of large clearly demarcated fluid spaces. These fluid spaces were separated from the perilymphatic space only by a basement membrane.

The term pinocytosis refers to the bulk uptake of fluid by cells. Fawcett (1965) describes with the electron microscope the various types of pinocytosis observ d by absorbing cells, all of which result in a quantity of fluid ppearing within the cell cytoplasm in the form of a vacuole. The vacuoles move lowly inward toward the cell center becoming progressively smaller. Fawcett emphasizes that these droplets are easily visible with the light microscope.

The vesiculations found in the membranous canal of normal temporal bones have been of the size and number to suggest their presence as part of the normal pinocytosis activity of the membranous epithelial lining cells. However when the ize and number of these vesicles increase to the proportion described in various accounts of endolymphatic hydrops, it

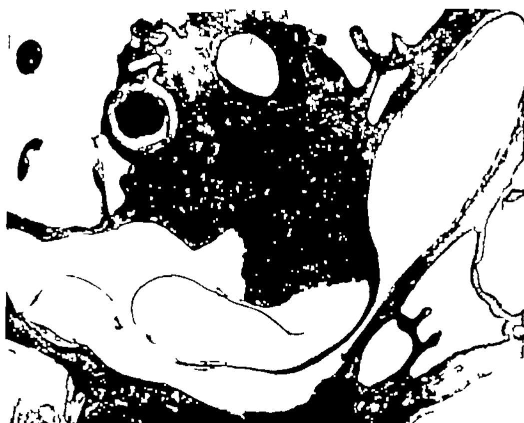


Fig 1 Horizontal section showing hydropic distention of the saccule saccular duct and endolymphatic duct and sac Hematoxylin and eosin, ×8

DISCUSSION

Vesiculations in the membranous labyrinth have been described by many authors Hallpike & Cairns (1938) described excrescences of subepithelial fluid collections in the superior and lateral semicircular canals of two cases of Menière s syndrome However Hallpike observed similar vesicles in the semicircular canals of seven out of ten routinely examined temporal bones in patients between the ages of 40 and 60 years with no history of Menière s disease Altmann & Fowler Jr (1943) observed vesiculations in two of three cases of Menière s syndrome within the semicircular canals and in the utricle and saccule Lempert *et al* (1952) found vesiculated epithelial excrescences varying in size and number in the membranous semicircular canals of six consecutive patients with Menière s disease following partial labyrinthectomy Berkmen (1966) examined 200 temporal bones from 100 patients selected at random and found vesiculations of the semicircular canals in all but one Vesiculations have also been observed in our laboratory within the semicircular canals of temporal bones removed routinely at autopsy where no history of Menière s syndrome was present and where no abnormalities were found

Utilizing the electron microscope Smith (1956) has described branching within the cytoplasm of the epithelial cells lining the body of the utricle



FIG. 4 Endolymphatic duct showing irregular hyaline protrusions PAS. 100.

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Fig 3 Saccul wall Note outpouching of porti n of wall int lumen Several round PAS positive tructures are present within thi protruded area PAS × 170

would seem logical to attribute this increase to the shifting or attempt to shift unusually large amounts of fluid across a membrane wall

Reidbord & Spitz (1966) performed a very interesting experiment whereby sea water and fresh water were perfused into the respiratory tract of rats and the ultrastructure of the lungs was examined The normal alveolar wall consists of a basement membrane separated from air on one surface by alveolar epithelial lining cells and is on the other side adjacent to the capillary endothelium This drowning of the rat lungs resulted in changes involving vacuolization of the lining epithelial cells as well as changes in the basement membrane They describe many circular and irregularly rounded structures within the capillary lumina, in the septal areas and within the alveolar spaces. These bodies occasionally impinged on surrounding structures With the electron microscope the authors demonstrated outpouchings of basement membrane material from the basement membrane and continuous with it by a narrow neck The authors felt that these changes represented the movement of large amounts of fluid Vacuoles were also seen in the basement membrane substance Reidbord & Spitz speculate that the defects in the usually completely covered basement membrane accounted for even further alterations in interchange of fluid across the alveolar wall

In our case break up of basement membrane material could be demonstrated in several areas by PAS reaction Fig 5 shows such an area



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ELECTRON MICROSCOPIC STUDIES OF ADENOSINE TRIPHOSPHATASE ACTIVITY IN THE STRIA VASCULARIS AND SPIRAL LIGAMENT

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An enzyme fo fluid transport, denosi e triphosphatase has been studied in the stria vasculari and spiral ligament in the inne ear using arious modification f histochemical techniques for electro micro-scopy We found enzyme acti ity ppeared on the surfaces n the comple f ld between the epith lial cell d on the surf ce facing the endolymph. Capillary basement membrane and mitochondria lso showed marked acti ity These findings are what one would expect of th stria ascularis considering its probable role i fluid tran port and the findings of ATP-ase localization lsewhere

INTRODUCTION

The stria vasculari and its underlying connective tissue have been regarded by most investigators as the source of endolymph. Many have studied its function by means of various hi tological and chemical tech niques (Altmann & Waltner 1947 Rüedi, 1951 Saxén, 1951 Mygind, 1952 Smith, 1957 Naftalin & Harrison, 1958 Engström Sjöstrand & Spoendlin, 1955 Yamamoto & Nakai, 1964 Choo & Tabowitz, 1964 1965)

Several nzymes have been localized by histochemical, light microscopic methods to various areas of the stria vasculari (Vosteen, 1961 Gerhardt, 1961 Schätzle & Musebeck, 1962 Spoendlin & Balogh, 1963 Koide, Yoshi-kaw & Morimoto, 1962) Because of the complex morphology of the stria vascularis, light microscopy must be augmented by electron microscopy for an accurate determination of the actual sites of enzyme activity

Within ecent years the combination of histochemical techniques with those of electron microscopy has resulted in successful demonstration of end products f several types of enzymatic activity especially the phosphatases

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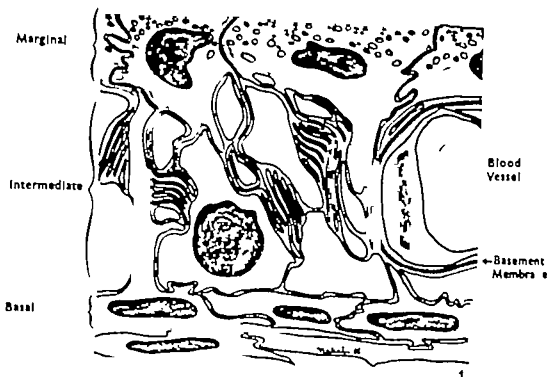


FIG 1 Stria vascularis Three types f cells, marginal (o dark) I termediate and basal (r light) The marginal cells face ndolymph Basal ll f rm the layer next to the spiral ligam nt and int rmediate c ll are found betwee Complex folding and I ter digitati n f cell processes tremen l u ly increa each cell a area These surface mem branes all show ATP ase activity uggesting tl at tl ey ha e flui l tran port capability

at a fine structural level (Essner Novikoff & Masek 1958 Molbert Dus plva & Deimling 1960 Torack & Barrnett 1961 Wersäll Hilding & Lundquist 1961 Hilding & Wersäll 1962 Schulze & Wollenberger 1962 Ashworth Luibel & Stewart 1963 Sabatini Bensch & Barrnett 1963 Marchesi Sears & Barrnett 1964 Hilding 1965) Each investigation has been forced to arrive at a compromise between good preservation of fine structure and the risk of interference with the enzyme under considera tion Deliberate inhibition of a portion of enzyme activity is usually a prerequisite of finely detailed localization The inner ear presents addi tional problems for enzyme studies because of its inaccessibility and fragility

The present report is concerned with the histochemical localization of ATP-ase activity of the stria vascularis and spiral ligament At the present time there is no standard technique for revealing the location of this en zyme for electron microscopy Several different methods were used to study this enzyme

Adenosine triphosphatase or ATP ase is associated in other tissues with fluid transport For instance Dunham & Glynn (1961) and Hayashi Audit re & Uchida (1964) have dealt with the biochemical characteristics of Na

TABLE 1

Procedure	Prefixation	Wash with sucrose	Incubation medium	RF CTIO ITE Stria vascularis Endolymphatic surface	Folded membranes	Mitochondria	Spiral ligament Cell membrane	Mitochondria
1	Osmic	2 hrs.	Wachstein Meisel, 10 minutes	+	+	0	+	0
2	Formalin-sucrose	2 hrs.	Wachstein-Meisel, 10 minutes	+	+	0	+	+
3	Glutaraldehyde	2 hrs.	Wachstein-Meisel, 10 minutes	+	0	0	0	0
4	Glutaraldehyde and freezing	2 hrs.	Wachstein-Meisel, 10 minutes	+	+	0	+	(
5	None	None	Modified Wachstein-Meisel, 5 minutes	+	0	+	0	+
	None	None	Modified Wachstein-Meisel, 15 minutes	+	+	+	+	+
6	Controls, (see text for details)			0	0	0	0	0

and K transport and its relationship to ATP-ase. Several papers have ppeared in regard to its electron microscopic localization. Torack (196.) reported its relationship to brain capillaries. Marchesi, Sears & Barrnett (1964) discussed its localization in the eye. Because the stria vascularis upposedly secretes endolymph it is logical t uppose th t it is rich in ATP ase. Iinum (1965) has confirmed this supposition in biochemical assays. The purpose of this paper is to present electron microscopic observations on the sites of ATP-ase activity in the stria vascularis and related connective tissue.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Th inner ear structures of anaesthetized guinea pigs were removed and immediately placed in an appropriate reagent. Much of the bone surrounding the cochlea was dissected away and Reissner's membrane was torn exposing the stria vascularis and spiral ligament to the chemicals.

In the preparation of tissue the f llowing procedures were employed



Fig. 2. O mium fixed margin l cell f ll wing incubati n with ATP a substrate The re ti n product (arrows) is present on the inf lded pla ma m mbrane but n t i the mitoch nd i (*M*) Pigment granules (*I*) are present n rmally in this area 25 000.

(1) Tissue was fixed for 3 minutes in cold buffered osmium tetroxide 1% After washing in cold 0 44 Mol sucrose the tissue was incubated according to the method of Wachstein & Meisel (1957) for adenosine tri phosphatase containing lead nitrate as the capture reagent for 20 minutes in room temperature Because the accumulated precipitate of lead phos phate is opaque in the electron beam conversion to lead sulfide is un necessary

(2) The specimens were fixed in cold 10 per cent formalin with 4 0 per cent sucrose buffered to pH 7.2 for 1 hour After this prefixation the tissue was washed in cold cacodylate buffer (pH 7.2) containing 0 44 Mol sucrose for 2 hours Then the material was incubated in the standard Wachstein-Meisel medium at pH 7 2 Incubation was carried out at room temperature (20 C) for up to 10 minutes

The same procedures were followed in other experiments in which ATP in the incubating medium was substituted for by β glycerophosphate or Adenosine 5 monophosphate at equimolar concentration

(3) Tissues were fixed *for 30 minutes in cold* (4 C) 2 *glutaraldehyde* buffered to pH 7.2 with 0 05 Mol cacodylate After this prefixation the same procedure as (2) was followed

(4) Following prefixation with glutaraldehyde the specimens were frozen on a CO_2 cold stage to disrupt membrane barriers Processing was then carried out as above

(5) Without any prefixation the material was incubated in a mixture derived from Marchesi consisted *of 80 mMol tris (hydroxy methyl) amino-*

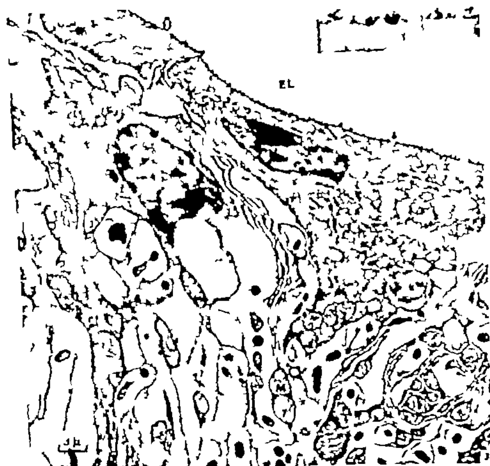


Fig. 1. Survey electron micrograph of the stria vascularis fixed in glutaraldehyde. Final product (arrows) is located on the outer cell membrane facing the endolymphatic space (*EL*). No activity is found anywhere else because glutaraldehyde preserves the integrity of membrane barriers to perfusing solutions. Nucleus (N), mitochondria (M). ×9000. The inset shows final product in the plasma membrane facing endolymphatic space at high magnification. ×32,000.

methane maleate (tris-maleate) buffer pH 7.2, 0.5 mM Adenosinetriphosphate (disodium salt) 2.0 mM lead nitrate 4.0 mM magnesium sulfate and 100.0 mM sucrose (final pH 7.1 tonicity 300 milliosmoles) for 5 or 15 minutes at room temperature. When a slight cloudiness occurred the mixture was filtered before use.

After incubation all tissue samples were washed in cold 0.44 Mol sucrose briefly and then fixed additionally in 1% osmium tetroxide buffered to pH 7.2 for 1.5 hours, dehydrated in alcohol and embedded in Epon plastic. Thin sections were cut with an LKB ultratome, and mounted on Formvar coated copper grids. These were examined without any additional staining in an RCA EMU 3G electron microscope.

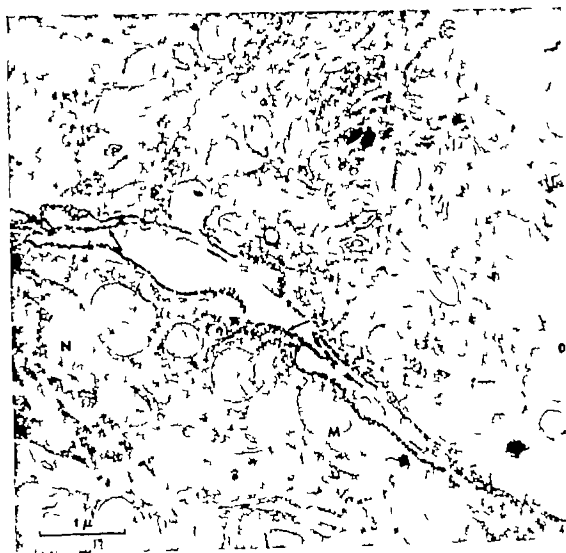


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RESULTS

As illustrated in Fig 1 the stria vascularis is a complicated tissue system consisting of three layers of epithelial cells resting on the connective tissue of the spiral ligament The cells facing the endolymph have a denser cytoplasm than the other layers and are known as marginal cells or dark cells The layer next to the spiral ligament is formed by basal cells Be tween the basal and the marginal cells are the intermediate cells Each type of epithelial cell is characterized by complex cytoplasmic folding



Fig. 4. The stria vascularis following formalin fixation. Final product (arrow) is in the surface membrane and folded plasma membranes. Endolymphatic space (EL) nucleus (N) 14,000

Kikuchi & Hilding (1966) recently showed that only the marginal cells appear to be derived from ectoderm, the intermediate and basal cells are probably mesodermal.

The comparative results of different procedures are indicated in the Table 1.

When prefixation was done with osmium tetroxide, reaction precipitate granules were concentrated on the surface membrane and the infolded plasma membrane in the stria vascularis and spiral ligament cells (Fig. 2). There was variation of results between different experiments using the same procedure. Some of this variability can be accounted for by imperfect penetration of tissue by osmium tetroxide.

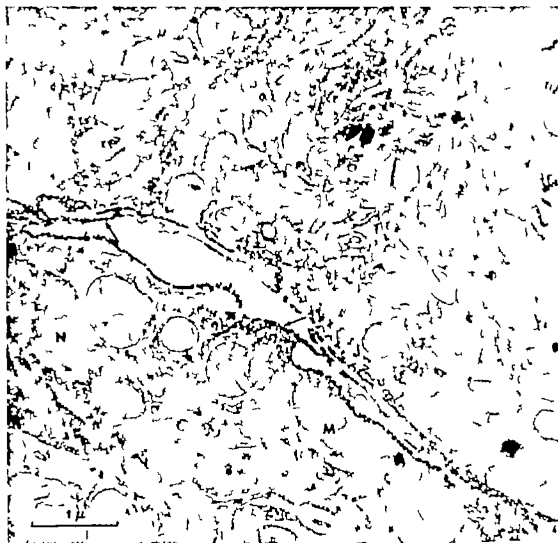


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Fig. 7 Cross section of capillary of the stria vascularis, prefixed with formalin. Reaction product is seen on the membranes of the stria vascularis cells surrounding the blood vessel and precipitate (arrow) also appears in the region of the basement membrane (*B*). Reaction product is not present within the endothelial cells (*F*). Vessel lumen (*L*). × 14,000

Mitochondrial localization of the reaction product in spiral ligament was demonstrated in this procedure (Fig. 6).

In some instances reaction products were seen in the basement membrane region surrounding the capillary (Fig. 7).

It was possible to demonstrate deposition of the reaction products in the mitochondria of the cells of the stria vascularis and spiral ligaments when tissue was incubated in a mixture which consisted of trisaminomethane maleate buffer (pH 7.2), Adenosinetriphosphate (disodium salt), lead nitrate, magnesium sulfate and sucrose for 5 minutes at room temperature without any prefixation. These deposits were sometimes confirmed to the mitochondrial membranes, but, in other instances, reaction products were irregularly distributed in the mitochondrial matrix. In addition to the activity in the mitochondria, activity appeared on the surfaces between adjacent marginal cells (Figs. 8 and 9). No reaction deposit was seen in the infolding cell membranes and the basement membranes of capillaries after short incubation (*5 min.*).

When the material incubated for a longer time (15 min.) reaction deposit was seen in the cell membranes and the mitochondria. However preservation of fine structure was poor (Figs. *10* and *11*).

In control specimens incubated in medium from which ATP was omitted, metal precipitates were entirely absent.

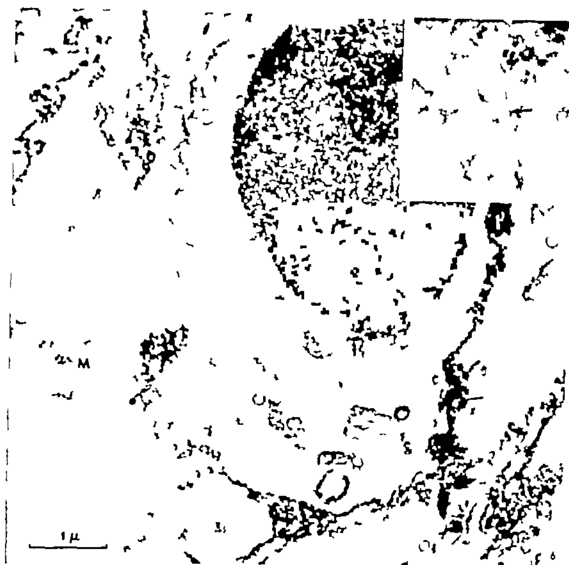


FIG. 6 Spiral lig m nt Formalin prefixati n. Mitochondrial localization f the reaction product is d monstrated. Nu l us (N) mitochondria (M) 13,000 The i set 500,000

Tissue that was fixed in glutaraldehyde for 30 minutes and then in cubated with the substrate prior to further osmium fixation was well preserved

Localization of the reaction product in the outer cell membranes facing the inner ear fluid space was well demonstrated by this method but no activity was found within the cells of the stria vascularis and spiral liga ment (Fig 3)

Reaction deposits in the infolding plasma membrane in the stria vas cularis and spiral ligament were seen if the tissue was frozen prior to staining However some damage of fine structure in the tissue could not be avoided (Fig 4)

In tissue on which formalin sucrose was used as prefixation a dense reaction product was found in the surface membrane and infolded plasma membrane of the stria vascularis and spiral ligament cells (Fig 5)

Fig. 9. Higher magnification of part of (Fig. 7). The reaction product (arrows) is present the crist and outer membrane of mitochondri (M) and the interfaces of the opposed membran es of marginal cells. 33,000

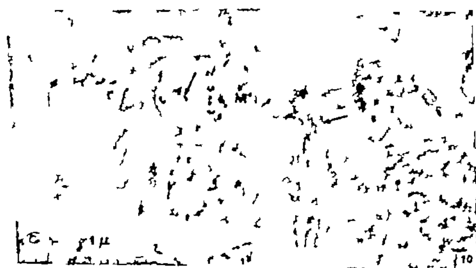


Fig. 10. Part of marg nal cell incubated for fifteen minutes with no prefixation. The final product (rrow) is present in the mitochondri (M) and i f lded plasma membrane 33,000.

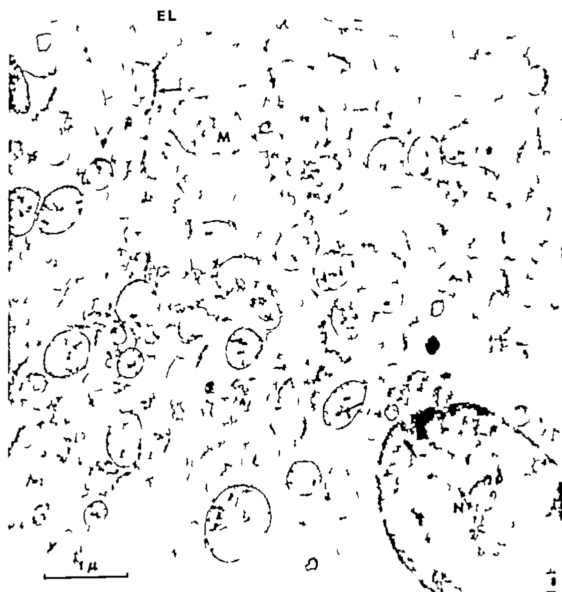


Fig 8. St la vasculari incubated f o ly fi minutes after no prefi ll While reaction product (arrows) can be identified in mitochondria (M) mo t of the f lded pl sma m mbra e l no reacll e 16,000

When β glycerophosphate or Adenosine-5 monophosphate was used as substrate the tissues were also unreactive. Sparse deposits were found in some areas but these bore no constant relationship to cellular components (Figs 12 and 13)

DISCUSSION

The purpose of this study was to reach a better understanding of the way in which ATP ase is distributed in the stria vascularis because ATP ase is an enzyme thought to be important in fluid transport Light microscopy was found to be inadequate so a histochemical method had to be

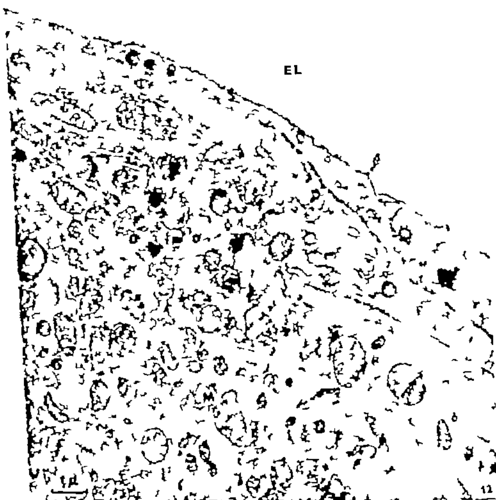


Fig. 12. Control preparations. The stri ascularl incubated without ATP X reaction product is rubl 10,000

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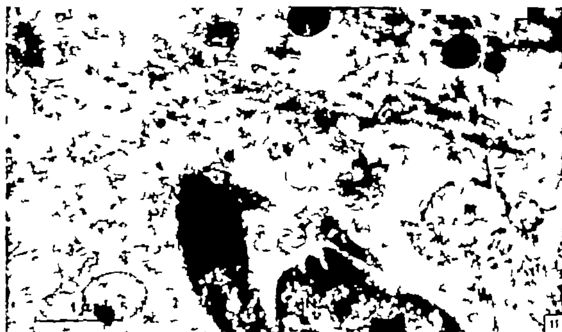


FIG. 11 Spiral ligam nt incubated f r fift en minute with no prefixation The reaction product (arrows) is seen in mitochondria (M) nd the plasma membrane 20,000

developed for electron microscopy which would be suitable for the inner ear

As Torack (1965) so succinctly stated "Fixation is a necessary evil in many histochemical techniques demonstrating enzyme activity However if its destructive aspect can be characterized and reproduced there appears to be no reason why a method of fixation cannot contribute to the speci ficity of an enzyme reaction " The way ATP-ase activity appears at various sites in the stria vascularis and spiral ligament depending on the method of fixation suggests that a different effect on the enzyme has been produced by each of these fixatives However we found that a given fixative would produce a reproducible pattern each time the reaction was tried Although gradient effects of fixation can never be completely eliminated uniformity was observed if sufficient time was allowed for the fixative to thoroughly penetrate the tissue

The aldehydes and osmium tetroxide differ in their effects on the ultra structural demonstration of adenosine triphosphatase in the stria vascularis and spiral ligament The most general localizing of reaction deposits is observed with formalin fixation but more care is required to obtain intact fine structure This fixative is recommended for studying the overall distribution of this enzyme The use glutaraldehyde provides excellent ultrastructure but the least evidence of surviving enzymatic activity (Torack & Barrnett 1964 Barrnett 1964 Marchesi Sears & Barrnett 1964 Sabatini Miller & Barrnett 1964) In this study no reaction product was seen except on the cell membranes facing endolymph and perilymphatic spaces This phenomenon could mean that the reagents do not penetrate the surface of the stria vascularis after glutaraldehyde fixation Glutaral



Fig. 12 Control preparations. The stria vascularis incubated without ATP. No reaction product is visible. × 10,000

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Fig. 13. The spinal ligament incubated without ATP. No reaction product is visible on the plasma membrane and mitochondria. × 10 000

these thick membranes and reaction product could then found generally on all surfaces of the epithelial cells (Fig. 4). Much better preservation resulted when osmium fixed tissue blocks were used. However, extensive loss of enzyme activity is produced by this fixation. An estimate of the residual enzyme activity which remain in the tissue blocks exposed to osmium tetroxide for brief time is given by Essner, Novikoff & Masek (1958). When assayed in the Wachstein-Meisel medium there is about 15 per cent survival of the ATPase activity. It is thus to be expected that osmium tetroxide for prefixation would have limited applicability. However, in the infolding plasma membrane of the stria vascularis sufficient enzyme activities survives for abundant production of lead phosphate deposition (Fig. 2).

Previous investigators have demonstrated histochemical and biochemical differences among enzymes capable of hydrolyzing adenosine triphosphate at physiological pH in other tissues (Essner, Novikoff & Masek 1958, Post *et al.*, 1960, Duel & McIlwain 1961, Hess, 1962, Allen 1963, Novikoff & Hess 1963).

Chemical studies on cell fractions have indicated that ATPase is present

predominantly in mitochondria in other tissues. The demonstration of ATP-ase in mitochondria is of considerable interest, since this had not been accomplished until the recent study of Wachstein, Bradshaw & Ortiz (1962). They used light microscopy and found ATP-ase activity in mitochondria. Apparently one of the difficulties in the fine localization on the cristae which would be difficult or impossible to see with light microscopy. In our material fixed in formol-sucrose solution prior to incubation, reaction product occurred on the cristae of mitochondria in the spiral ligament. Also using Macheai's modification (1966) of the Wachstein–Meisel medium with no prefixation localization of the reaction product in mitochondria in the stria vascularis and spiral ligament was seen. When the tissue was incubated in reaction medium without any prefixation, incubation time had to be shortened to preserve fine structure. Five minutes incubation time was suitable for demonstrating mitochondrial ATP ase. Although reaction product occurred in mitochondria and cell membrane in tissues incubated for a longer time preservation of fine structure in mitochondria was poor.

Localization of reaction product of ATP ase on the cristae and membranes of mitochondria is in accord with chemical demonstration of enzyme in mitochondria fractions obtained by ultracentrifugation of cell homog nates (Padykula & Herman, 1955). Siekevitz, *et al* (1958) have suggested a possible role for mitochondrial ATP-ase in oxidative phosphorylation. We hav recently studied the pattern of a distribution of succinic dehydrogenase and cytochrome oxydase in mitochondria and found localization of this enzyme on the mitochondrial cristae.

ATP-ase activity was localized in the basement membrane of the capillaries of the stria vascularis when formalin sucrose solution was used for prefixation. Using aldehyde prefixation, Torack Bensen & Becker (1961) found that this enzyme activity appeared in the basement membrane and glial nd feet about the capillaries of the cerebral cortex.

As several have pointed out, the complicated folding pattern of the stria vascularis cells resembles fluid transport cells in the pancreas, salivary glands and kidney (Engström, Sjöstrand & Spoendlin, 1955 Smith, 1957 Echandia & Burgos, 1965 Kikuchi & Hilding, 1966). ATP-ase activity has been correlated with this type of cell structur in other organs. Similarly in th fenestrated capillaries t the base of the renal tubules, enzyme activity was lacking in the endothelial cells but was present at the surface membran of the basal infoldings of the tubular epithelium (Ashworth, Luibel & Stewart, 1963 Nakai, 1965). This latter situation frequently has been found in transport phen mena.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

Th distribution of ATP-ase activity wa studied by electron microscopy. Several procedures were tried u ing glutaraldehyde formaldehyde or

osmium tetroxide for prefixation Freezing broke down membranous barriers to infiltration of the tissue by reagents

The reaction product appeared on the cell membranes and basement membranes of blood vessels in the stria vascularis and spiral ligament Precipitate was particularly obvious on the cell membrane facing the endolymphatic space in the stria vascularis The cell membrane of the spiral prominence and infolding plasma membrane in the stria vascularis was also very active

ATP-ase localization in the mitochondria was also demonstrated Each method of prefixation produced a somewhat different localization for various reasons yet a definite pattern emerged As has been proved by biochemical studies, mitochondria are rich in this type of enzyme activity *The surfaces of all kinds of cells in the stria vascularis showed activity* when conditions were favorable

In general our results could have been predicted by comparison with the results with other fluid transport tissue Therefore they fully support the notion that the stria vascularis is important in endolymph metabolism We expect to utilize this histochemical techniques to improve our evaluation of the pathological stria vascularis in Ménière s syndrome.

ZUSAMMENFASSUNG

Der zytochemische Nachweis von Adenosintriphosphatase-Aktivität in der Stria vascularis und des Ligamentum spirale in der Cochlea wurde mit verschiedenen Techniken der *Elektronenmikroskopie* studiert. Die ATP-ase-Aktivität wurde an den Oberflächen der komplizierten fingerförmigen Fortsätze zwischen den epithelialen Zellen und an den Zellmembranen im endolymphatischen Raum gefunden *Die Basalmembran der Kapillaren und die Mitochondrien zeigen* auch deutliche enzymatische Aktivität Diese Befunde weisen einige Kennzeichen auf die vielleicht sekretorische und absorptive Prozesse andeuten Die Bedeutung der Resultate wird diskutiert.

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ELICITATION OF HORIZONTAL NYSTAGMUS BY PERIODIC LINEAR ACCELERATION

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Four subjects in each f four different body orientations were exposed t periodic linea acceleration stimuli prod ced by simpl harmonic translation f 0.2, 0.4 nd 0.8 cps cy lic frequency along an Earth horizontal axis. Highly systematic hori tal nystagmus was demon strated in response to these stimuli w ll as to li ea acceleration of rotating ector form equivalent t counterrotation in a constant mag- itud linear force fi ld. Vertical nystagmus could not be dem nstrated for similar stimuli. The peak velocity f th slow component f nystag- mus and the phase lag f th nystagmi response behi d the linear c celeration stimulus were f und to differ from those ssociated with periodi angular stimulati n f th semi ircular canals in a comparable frequency range. Regardless of stimulus form, the effective stimulus lement for licitati n of horizontal nystagmus appeared t be dynami ha ge in the linear cceleration component directed along the sub- ject g (left–right) head axis.

INTRODUCTION

In general, it has been ccepted that the semicircular canals serve as the primary biological transducе fo angular motions, while the otolith mechanisms are considered to be the equivalent sensor for linear accelera- tion timuli Experimentation in the vestibular field has been such, how ever that a great deal more data are a ailable to describe the response be- havior of th semicircular canals than of th otolith mechanism. It has been shown (Hixson & Niven, 1961) how frequency response analysis techniques making use of sinusoidal angular accelerations of varying fre quency and magnitude s stimuli and ocular nystagmus as a physiologically objective response may be pplied to the quantification of the performance haracteristics of the semicirculo canals.

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The presentation of dynamic linear acceleration stimuli fully independent of potential angular acceleration effects is more difficult, and few studies have been performed Nonreversing eye movements of nystagmic form have been reported in experiments using vertical oscillators (McCabe 1964) parallel swings and horizontally accelerated carts (Jongkees & Philipszoon, 1962) Guedry (1964) using a horizontal axis rotator obtained a non reversing nystagmus of long duration during constant velocity rotation and suggested that it was dependent upon a continuous reorientation of the otolith system relative to gravity Benson & Bodin (1965) using similar stimulation obtained similar results but attributed it to direct action of the 1 *g* rotating linear acceleration vector on the canal system, although they did not positively exclude otolithic effects

The demonstration of a highly systematic nystagmus unequivocally keyed to changes in both direction and magnitude of linear accelerations in the absence of potentially confounding angular accelerations would be of obvious practical and heuristic value

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Subjects

Four males with no apparent defects in hearing or equilibrium served as subjects Three of the subjects (the authors) had previous experience on the device, and all were acquainted with the procedure and objectives of the experiment

Apparatus

Linear acceleration stimuli were generated by the Coriolis Acceleration Platform (CAP) to be described in detail elsewhere (Hixson & Anderson, 1966) This device consists of a cylindrical capsule 20 feet in diameter centered on the rotational axis of the device and a 40-foot horizontal track superstructure extending through the room and projecting outward on both sides A subject carrier on the track is coupled to a position servomechanism drive system which can be programmed to produce sinusoidal linear motions with peak ratings of ± 20 ft displacement, ± 16 ft/sec velocity ± 3 *g* acceleration, and 1 cps frequency For the present experiment, the subject carrier was a 4 foot cubical cab which could be statically rotated about any of its three axes to preposition the subject relative to the acting linear acceleration

A triaxial linear accelerometer positioned at the subject s head level was used to measure the linear acceleration stimulus A high gain preamplifier for physiological recording was also located within the cab Direct-current corneoretinal potentials reflecting horizontal and vertical eye displacements were amplified filtered and recorded on an 8-channel direct writing recorder located in a nearby control room

TABLE 1 *Comparison of actual and normalized magnitudes of three linear acceleration stimuli*

Motion parameter	Stimulus No. 1		Stimulus No. 2		Stimulus No. 3	
	Actual	Normalized	Actual	Normalized	Actual	Normalized
Frequency (cps)	0.2	1	0.4	2	0.8	4
Peak displacement (ft)	±11.75	1	± 2.94	0.25	± 0.74	0.06
Peak velocity (ft/sec)	±14.77	1	± 7.38	0.50	± 3.69	0.25
Peak acceleration (ft/sec²)	±18.56	1	±18.56	1	±18.56	1

Experimental Stimuli

The stimuli consisted of three oscillations of variable frequency and constant magnitude peak acceleration The frequencies were 0.2, 0.4 and 0.8 cps, and the peak track displacement was adjusted to maintain the peak acceleration level constant at 18.6 ft/sec² (0.58 g) for all frequencies. The actual and normalized characteristics of the stimuli are presented in Table 1 where each parameter is normalized relative to its value at 0.2 cps.

Experimental Method

Each subject was exposed to each of the three frequencies while *oriented* in four positions relative to the direction of the linear acceleration vector The kinematic notation for the stimulus is summarized in graphic and equation form in Fig 1 The, x, y and z head axes denote the front-back, left right, and vertex base dimensions, respectively of the skull while the frontal, sagittal, and horizontal head planes are identified as the yz xz xy planes of the head, respectively The components of the resultant linear acceleration of the head acting along the x y and z head axes are denoted as A_x, A_y, and A_z respectively in the directional sense denoted in Fig 1

The four basic orientations used in this study included Mode 1 the subject lying on his back and oriented so that the sagittal xz head plane was at right angles to the direction of the linear track motions Mode 2 same as Mode 1 except subject sitting upright Mode 3 the subject lying on his back with his horizontal xy head plane at right angles to the track motion Mode 4 the subject sitting in an upright position with his frontal yz head plane normal to the track motions

Two subjects were presented the stimulus frequencies in an ascending order and two in a descending order For one subject of each pair horizontal and vertical nystagmus were first recorded with eyes closed, then with eyes open for the other the recording sequence was reversed The subject was instructed to maintain a straight-ahead gaze at all times during cab oscillation with his head rigidly fixed by means of an individual,

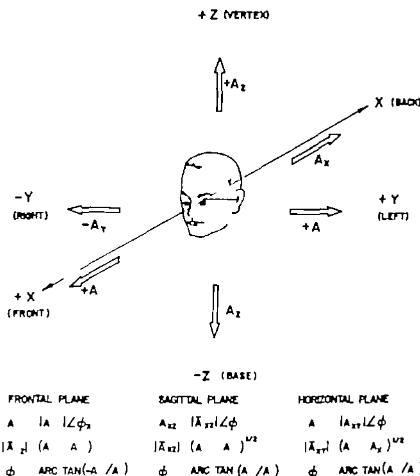


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custom molded plaster cast and with his body fixed securely to the seat by straps.

Nystagmus recording circuits were calibrated by having the subject fixate alternately two target points of known angular separation After calibration the experimental cab was closed light tight and the subject was oscillated at one of the test frequencies Recording was delayed for 60 seconds to minimize biological transient effects the subject was then instructed to open or close his eyes as the experimental conditions required, and eye motions were recorded for 60 seconds Chatter and performance of mental arithmetic were used to encourage maximal nystagmic response A rest period of at least 2 minutes was allowed before the next experimental run

The procedure was then repeated with the subjects instructed to view a 7 $^1/_2$ inch by $^1/_{32}$ inch luminous line target (aligned with the axis in Modes 1 and 2 with the y axis in Modes 3 and 4) and report their impressions of target movement On the trials with eyes closed reports of postural sensations were obtained

RESULTS

Horizontal nystagmus was elicited by the periodic linear acceleration stimulus in certain body orientations Recordings of horizontal nystagmus obtained when the resultant of the track and gravitational accelerations was acting in the horizontal plane of the head (Mode 1 orientation) with the eyes open are reproduced in Fig 2 A Essentially similar responses were obtained in the eyes closed condition A pronounced horizontal nystagmus was also observed when the resultant acceleration vector was varied in the frontal plane of the head (Mode 2 orientation) as may be seen in Fig 2 B. Neither horizontal nor vertical nystagmus could be observed in the Modes 3 and 4 orientations (see Fig 3)

The nystagmus obtained in Modes 1 and 2 orientations was analyzed to determine phase shift and magnitude of peak slow component eye velocity The phase lag of the nystagmic response was measured as the interval between the transition in acceleration direction (zero acceleration) and the transition in direction of the slow component of the nystagmus (zero eye velocity) This method has been described in detail in an earlier report (Niven & Hixson, 1961) Peak slow component velocity was determined by measuring the slope of the individual nystagmic responses during each cycle and selecting the maximum value. A summary of the result is presented in Table 2. The subject means contained in Table 2 were obtained by combining the values obtained for eyes open and eyes closed for body orientations Modes 1 and 2. Lack of any statistical difference between these conditions permitted this grouping

Postural and Visual Subjective Sensations

The visual impressions of the luminous line target may be summarized as f llow During Modes 1 and 2 timulation the line target remained directly ahead f the subject for all experimental frequencies. The visual targ t had pred mi antly the quality of apparent velocity that is, it appeared to move with the bserver as he experien ed movement to the left o right Apparent displ cement, that is, lag or lead of the sensation of post ral displacement by the targ t, or apparent tilting of the target clock wise counte clockwise, was either not observed o was minimal. During Modes 3 and 4 timulation, a in the case of the ther two body orienta tions, the target remained directly head of the subject and moved back and f rth with him. Howev r it did n t appear to be displaced above or below the subject at any time during the test trials.

Th postural sensations may be ummarized as follows In Modes 1 nd 2 the subject percei ed primarily a pure translation or side-to-side m tion f the body In Modes 3 and 4 th sensati n were similarly of fore-and-aft displacem nt along the track. In a number of instances, there was a tendency to report a brief yawing, rolling, or pitching sensation, depend

ing upon orientation at the point of maximum displacement but generally the sensations were described as simple translatory movements

DISCUSSION

The eye motion recordings of this study show clearly that linear acceleration is an adequate stimulus to produce nystagmus. This horizontal nystagmus appeared whenever the head was oriented with its sagittal x plane at right angles to the direction of the track accelerations. In effect horizontal nystagmus resulted when the y (left–right) head axis was aligned with the direction of motion for both the erect and supine postures. Horizontal nystagmus was not observed for the orientations where the track acceleration acted at right angles to either the frontal y or horizontal xy head planes, i.e., for accelerations directed along the x and head axes, respectively, where $A_y = 0$.

In contrast, vertical nystagmus was not seen under any of the four stimulus conditions of the study, even with greatly increased recording sensitivity. During various related pilot studies other body orientations which involved statically tilting the three cardinal head planes relative to the direction of motion were used. In no case was vertical nystagmus recorded. At most there sometimes occurred sinusoidal variations of the baseline which had little repeatable correlation with the amplitude-time profile of the stimulus.

The characteristics of the observed horizontal nystagmus and its relationship to the linear acceleration A_y acting along the y head axis can be summarized as follows. Each change in direction of the A_y stimulus was accompanied by a change in direction of the slow component of eye velocity. The time-course of these changes was such that the reversals in the direction of nystagmus lagged slightly behind the reversals in the direction of the A_y stimulus. Acceleration to the left produced nystagmus with the slow component of eye velocity to the right and vice versa. The instantaneous slow component of eye velocity described a sinusoidal waveform closely resembling that of the sinusoidal A stimulus.

The frequency dependence of the nystagmus data as derived from a magnitude and phase analysis of the slow component of eye velocity (Table 2) can be described as follows. The mean peak eye velocity remained constant at approximately 10 deg/sec at $F = 0.2$, 0.4 and 0.8 cps so that this parameter can be considered independent of frequency over the denoted stimulus range. The directional transitions in eye velocity showed a relatively small increase in phase lag as the stimulus frequency was increased, i.e., mean phase angles of approximately 26, 31 and 38 at 0.2, 0.4 and 0.8 cps, respectively.

With the three stimulus configurations chosen for this study frequency served as the independent variable with the condition that the peak acceleration was held constant throughout. As indicated by the normalized magnitude data of Table 1, when the stimulus frequency was raised from

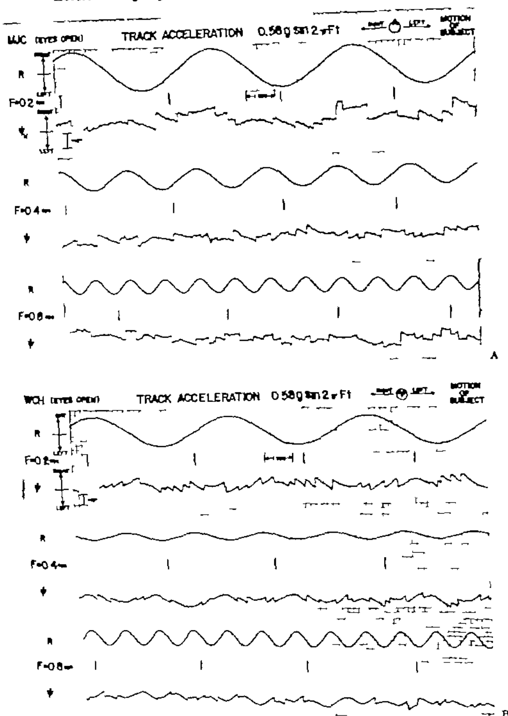


FIG. 2. Horizontal nyst gram recorded t three different stimulus frequencies. The sinusoidal w eform identified as R in each record describes the instantaneous displacement f the subject. (A) The track acceleration component is directed along the y head xis f the subject while lying on his back (Mode 1). (B) The track acceleration component is agai directed along the y head axis lthough he is seated erect (Mode 2).

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One further observation involves the decay time of the nystagmus following cessation of the stimulus The experimental procedure was such that upon completion of the nystagmus recording sequence the track carriage was stopped within 2 to 5 seconds The decay of the nystagmus was so rapid that its termination was almost coincidental with termination of the stimulus This observation combined with the constant peak amplitude and minimal phase shift data observed over the relatively high stimulus frequency region indicates that the biological sensing mechanism or mechanisms responsible for the nystagmus have a relatively fast response time when stimulated in this fashion

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A record presented in Fig 4 shows the horizontal nystagmus produced by rotation of such a linear acceleration vector through the horizontal *xy* head plane The resultant nystagmus is characterized by periodic reversals in direction and a slow component of eye velocity which is of sinusoidal waveform Moreover the nystagmus is keyed to the component of the stimulus acting along the *y* head axis This component A_y is fully equivalent to that produced by the simple harmonic translation stimulus since it is of sinusoidal waveform

For both subjects each reversal in direction of horizontal nystagmus followed closely the reversal in direction of A_y acceleration to the right produced nystagmus with a *slow component to the left* and vice versa (The phase relationship between the nystagmus and A_y can be observed in Fig 4 by noting that A_y has a waveform identical to that of the stimulus reference channel shown but with a 90-degree phase lag) In essence the nystagmus elicited by linear acceleration generated through counterrotation was similar to that elicited by harmonic translation along the *y* head axis.

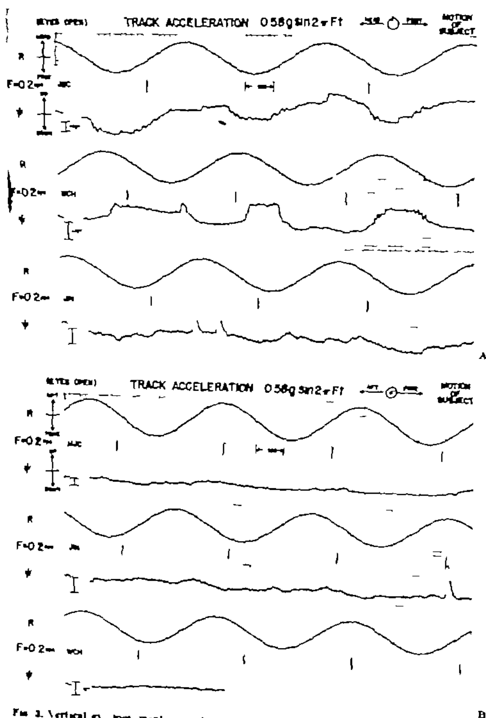


Fig. 3. Vertical ey mov ment recorded ith the track acceleration directed along the head (Mode 3) and the head xis (Mode 4 below). The absence of ertical nystagmus in marked contrast with the horizontal nyst gmus licited by xis stimulation.

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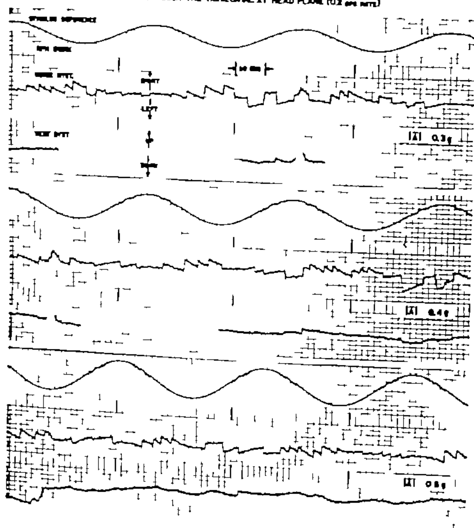


Fig. 4 Horizontal yst gmus produced by rotation f coust nt mag tud linear acceleration ector through the horizontal xy head pl ne t const nt ng lar locity The st m l l equi lent t counterrotation of subject at constant 12 rpm rat in centripet l acceleration field of 0.3, 0.4, nd 0.5 g denoted at th right f each recordi g. The reversals in the direction of the sl w phase f ystagmu are keyed to the reversal l d rection of linea acceleration component acting along the y head axi hich occu t the instant of maxim m di placement on the stimulus reference curv

TABLE 2. *Mean of peak slow component velocity ($\dot{\psi}$) and phase shift angle (ϕ) of ocular nystagmus as a function of the frequency of a sinusoidal linear acceleration stimulus*

n = number of measurements on which mean is based

	Frequency (c/s)					
	0.2		0.4		0.8	
Subject	$\dot{\psi}$ (deg/sec)	ϕ (deg)	$\dot{\psi}$ (deg/sec)	ϕ (deg)	$\dot{\psi}$ (deg/sec)	ϕ (deg)
MJC	9.10	23.10	7.81	20.01	17	30.23
n	1	78	51	66	18	50
JFG	8.00	27.00	7.20	40.20	89	30.17
n	15	48	31	31	23	12
WCH	11.01	2 11	12.81	32.08	15.31	17.57
n	51	56	61	—	21	59
JIN	5.33	3.72	7.09	22.08	0.32	21.38
n	21	28	18	6	20	6
Group mean	9.20	25.00	9.01	31.18	9.33	38.01
n	107	210	170	183	115	127
Pooled s.d.	3.03	9.38	2.50	11.12	2.89	16.01

The nystagmus of this study also closely resembles that recorded when a subject is exposed to sinusoidal angular acceleration of variable frequency about an Earth vertical axis. In the latter case each reversal in direction of the angular acceleration stimulus is accompanied by a reversal in the direction of the nystagmus with a yaw acceleration to the subject's right (about the head axis) leading to nystagmus with a slow component of eye velocity to the left, and vice versa. In addition, the waveform of the instantaneous magnitude of the slow component of eye velocity follows the sinusoidal waveform of the angular acceleration stimulus.

However, two important differences in nystagmus characteristics result for the two stimulus conditions. For sinusoidal angular accelerations in the vicinity of 0.2 cps, it has been shown that the directional nystagmus transitions lag the driving angular acceleration or torque producing the response by 80 to 90 degrees (Hixson & Niven 1962, Niven & Hixson 1961). Further, the peak magnitude of the slow component of eye velocity decreases as the frequency is raised. In general, the magnitude and phase characteristics of the slow component of eye velocity for frequencies near and above 0.2 cps are such that sinusoidal angular oscillations of constant peak velocity form tend to produce constant peak velocity nystagmus, for frequencies far below 0.2 cps, oscillations of constant peak accelera tion form tend to produce a nystagmus with constant peak velocity. That is to say, the transduction processes are frequency dependent, keyed to acceleration at very low frequencies and to velocity at the higher frequencies. In the same context the nystagmus elicited by sinusoidal linear

feasible to specify the responsible biological sensing system, e.g. otolith or canal receptors.

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Vier Versuchspersonen wurden jew ils in vier verschiedenen Körperorientierungen periodischen linearen Beschleunigungsreizen ausgesetzt, die mittels ein facher harmonischer Translation von 0,2 0 4 und 0,8 zyklischer Frequenz längs einer erdhorizontalen Achse erzeugt wurden Äusserst systematisch konnt horizontaler Nystagmu demonstriert werd n als Reaktion uf diese R ize sowohl al auch uf linear Beschleunigungen von rotierender Vektorform äquivalent mit Gegenrotation in einem linearen Kraftfeld konstanter Grösse. Vertikaler Nystagmus konnte nicht demonstriert werden für gleiche Reiz Es wurde gefunden, dass die Grösse d langsamen Komponente der Augengeschwindigkeit und ihrer Phasen erschiebung hinter dem linearen Beschleu igungsreiz verschied n lnd on denen die bei periodischen Drehreizen der Bogengänge in inem vergleichbaren Frequenzbereich auftreten. Unabhängig von der Form des Reizes schien da wirksame Reizelement für die Auslösung des horizontalen Nystagmu der dynamische Wechsel der li earen Beschleunigungskomponent in Richtung der *y* (links–recht) Kopfa hse der Versuchsperson zu sein.

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accelerations becomes analog to an acceleration transduction process in the 0.2 to 0.8 cps stimulus range since no change in nystagmus peak velocity occurred. This mode of response will not, however, extend to very low frequencies since in the limit, i.e., in the static acceleration environment, nystagmus becomes nonexistent. It may be concluded that a dynamic change in acceleration, i.e., jerk, along the y head axis is required to elicit the nystagmus.

A comparable interpretation of the visual and postural illusions can be made. It may be noted that the direction of the resultant of the track and gravitational accelerations was changing continuously during each oscillation cycle. With the peak track acceleration of 0.58 g the maximum deviation of the resultant linear acceleration vector from Earth vertical was 30 degrees and occurred at the instant of peak displacement to either side of the oscillation center. The stimulus was, however, perceived primarily as translatory motion and not as body tilt. Conversely, when a static linear acceleration vector is reoriented relative to the body, as in centrifuge experiments, the stimulus is perceived primarily as body tilt. It may be hypothesized that perception of body tilt is frequency dependent. When the morphological orientation of a linear acceleration stimulus is changed rapidly, a sensation of motion arises; when changed slowly or held constant, a sensation of tilt arises.

It is clear that studies performed on centrifuge type research devices must consider that dynamic variations in the linear acceleration element of the over all vestibular stimulus can contribute to the magnitude and direction of the horizontal nystagmus response. More specifically, time variations of the component of the resultant linear acceleration which acts along the y head axis, whether due to *magnitude* changes in centripetal, tangential, or linear Coriolis accelerations or to morphological *directional* changes of the same accelerations as well as of the gravitational field itself, may elicit horizontal nystagmus. Further, the nystagmus elicited by such stimuli will act in concert or in opposition to the horizontal nystagmus produced concurrently by the angular acceleration element of the environment and lead to either an attenuation or amplification of the over all nystagmus response.

These data demonstrate definitively the production of a systematic horizontal ocular nystagmus in response to a dynamic change in linear acceleration acting along the y head axis. The response or decay time characteristics as well as the phase and magnitude characteristics of the nystagmic response to periodic linear acceleration differ markedly from those of the comparable response to periodic angular accelerations. However, these differences neither prove nor disprove that the horizontal semicircular canals, acting in a physical mode not identical to the classical concept of cupula-endolymph flow, respond to periodic linear acceleration stimulation. More studies, particularly on the response to low frequency, high level, linear acceleration stimuli, will be required before it becomes

As a subject s report of the duration of an after-sensation is an integral part of the cupulometric test of van Egmond Groen & Jongkees (1948) and other clinical and experimental investigations of vestibular function, a knowledge of the manner in which the post rotational sensation is modified by instruction would clearly be of value

METHOD

Apparatus

The electric servo-controlled turntable and associated equipment used in this experiment have been fully described previously (Benson, 1962) The subject sat on the turntable with his head stabilized by a dental bite in a vertical position close to the axis of rotation.

Horizontal nystagmus was recorded by a conventional electro-oculographic technique using a DC amplifier and photographic galvanometer recorder Opaque goggles were worn and the subject was instructed to keep his eyes closed

Skin resistance was measured between a dry silver electrode, 1 cm in diameter placed on the ball of the left thumb and a silver plate moistened with conductive jelly placed on the volar surface of the ipsilateral forearm

The duration of the after-sensation was obtained with an accuracy of ±0 05 sec, from a signal marker operated by the subject, on the galvanometer record.

Conduct of Experiment

Th experiment was performed in two phases, separated from one othe by at least 14 days In Phase I all subjects received the same *weak* instructions Apart from a general description of the test procedure, they were told how the sensation of turning, produced by the sudden stopping of the turntable, would gradually fade away and they were asked to press a ignalling button when you think that the sensation of turning has stopped An effort was made to maintain the same un mphatic tone of voice fo ll the subjects.

Subsequently each subject was xposed to eight rotational stimuli, each of which inv lved accelerati n f the turntabl at 1 /sec² to a constant peed, which was maintained for 60 sec before rotation was stopped in 0.5 sec T rnt ble peeds were 7.5 /sec, 15 /sec, 30 /sec and 60 /sec in clockwise and anti-clockwise directions.

From the duration of the after-sensations repo ted in Phase I the subject w re di ided into two approximately matched groups, which in Phase II were given different instructi ns. The *ontrol* group received the same *weak* instru tions as employed in Phase I They were told that this second test was to check th previous findings and that they should press th button wh n you think that the sensation f turning ha

THE EFFECT OF INSTRUCTIONS UPON POST-ROTATIONAL SENSATIONS AND NYSTAGMUS

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By the technique of sensation cupulometry two matched groups, each of 7 subjects, were obtained. In a subsequent test one group received "strong" instructions and the other, which served as a control, "weak" instructions similar to those employed in the initial test. With the "strong" instructions there was a prolongation ($p = 0.001$) of the reported after-sensation and a fall ($p = 0.02$) in threshold of the sensation cupulogram but no change in "slope". In the control group there was no significant change of "slope" or "threshold". The decay of post-rotational nystagmus was prolonged in the "strong" instruction group and reduced in the control group. It was inferred that the increase in the duration of the after-sensation was produced by a change in the afferent signal rather than by an alteration of sensory threshold.

INTRODUCTION

Recent studies (Holland 1961, Reason 1963) have demonstrated that following visual inspection of a rotating spiral the reported persistence of illusory motion of the spiral (spiral after-effect) was influenced by the strength or vehemence of the instructions given to the subjects. Under the same conditions of objective stimulation it was found that "high criterion" or *strong* instructions produced a significantly longer after-effect than did the "low criterion" or *weak* instructions.

The exponential decay (Taylor 1963) of the illusory motion makes it difficult for the subject to give an unambiguous judgement of the time at which the apparent motion is no longer perceptible, so that he is placed in a judgement situation where he is particularly susceptible to instruction effects (Biderman & Zimmer 1962). As the sensation of turning evoked by an impulsive angular stimulus also decays in an exponential manner (van Egmond, Groen & Jongkees, 1949) it was considered that in this analogous situation the duration of the reported after-sensation would also be influenced by instructions. Furthermore in the vestibular sensory system the ability to quantify nystagmus, which is perhaps more closely related to the afferent signal (Lorente de No 1933) than the sensation of turning, may provide a better understanding of the mechanism by which instructions exert their effect.

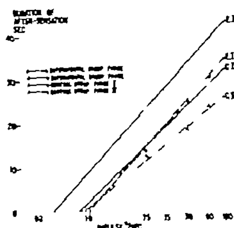


Fig. 1 Mean sensation cupulogram of the four experimental conditions. Each point is the average of 14 observations from 7 subjects.

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Sens tion cupalogram

The regression equation relating log impulse to duration of sensation was calculated for each subject in each experimental phase From the regression equation the intercept at $t=0$ was calculated in order to deter mine the magnitude of the impulse corresponding to the "threshold" of the sensati n cupulogram, and the gradient of the line was used to calculate the time constant (Π/Δ) of the exponential function

In Phase I there was no significant difference in either "threshold or "slope between the *experimental* and *control* groups, thus the simple matching procedure, based on the total after sensation time, was justified

TABLE 1 *Mean total duration of after sensations for the four impulses and the ignificance of the differences according to group and phase*

	Duration of Sensation, sec		
	Phase (P)		Difference
	I	II	$P_I - P_{II}$
Experimental group (E)	81.53	121.48	−39.90 $p=0.001$
Control group (C)	84.51	67.49	17.05 $p=0.01$
Difference E-C	0.01 NS	56.99 p 0.001	

stopped The *experimental* group were given *strong* instructions which involved telling them to be *absolutely sure* that the *sensation had* stopped before they pressed the button The instructions were repeated and spoken with emphasis

In Phase II each subject again experienced eight impulsive stimuli the order of presentation being determined as in Phase I according to an incomplete Latin square design

Subjects

Fourteen male subjects who *represented a fair cross section of* Royal Air Force trade groups participated in the experiment None had prolonged flying experience nor had they prior experience of rotational tests of labyrinthine function All were in normal health and without clinical evidence of aural disease The median age of the group was 20 years, range 17–26 years

The mean *E* score from the Maudsley Personality Inventory (MPI) was *30 5* and the mean N score *20 1* (Norms *E* = *24 6* N = *17 8* (Jensen *1958*))

RESULTS

Duration of Post Rotational Sensations

The effect of instructions on the duration of the reported after sensation of turning is summarised in Fig 1 in which the mean sensation times are plotted against the logarithm of turntable velocity in the form of a *sensation cupulogram (van Egmond Groen & Jongkees 1948)* Statistical analysis of these subjective data has been carried out in two ways Firstly by analysis of the total duration of the after sensations reported by each subject in each phase of the experiment and secondly by analysis of the slope and threshold values of the individual cupulograms

Total after sensation times

In Table I the mean durations of the after sensations, produced by the eight impulses used in each test session are assembled according to subject *group* and the phase of the experiment As in Phase I the sum of the after sensations reported by each subject was used to generate the *control* and *experimental* groups the means for these two groups were similar while the variance of the reported after sensation times was found not to differ significantly However in Phase II those subjects who received the *strong* instructions (*experimental* group) reported significantly (p = 0 001) longer after sensations than the *control* group who received the same *weak* instructions as in Phase I In the *control* group the total after sensations were shorter (p = 0 01) in Phase II than in Phase I

Analysis of variance revealed significant (p = 0 001) differences between

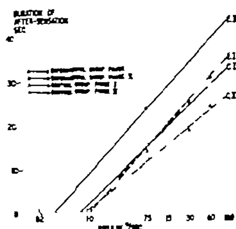


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Difference E–C	0.04 NS	56.99 $p=0.001$	

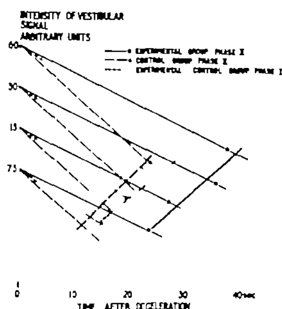


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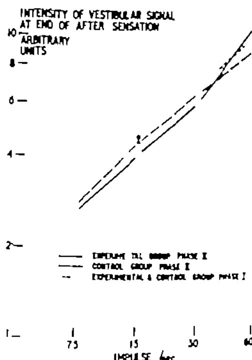


Fig 3

Fig. 2 Hypoth tical mean sensation thresh ld deri ed from objecti e and subjective m as res f vestibular activity

Fig. 3 Rel tion of thre h ld t intensity of impuls Value de i ed from Fig 2

The mean threshold was 0 7 /sec and the mean slope 7 8 sec these values fall within the normal range of Hulk & Jongkees (1948) and close to the median values for a population distribution obtained in our laboratory (Benson unpublished)

In Phase II *strong* instructions produced a displacement of the mean sensation cupulogram to the left Whereas no significant change in the calculated "slope" occurred between Phase I and II threshold" was

TABLE 2 *Mean time constants of decay in seconds obtained from regression equations of angular velocity of post rotational nystagmus following im pulsive stimuli of 60 /sec clockwise and anti-clockwise*

The bracketed fig re re th m an c lculated l pes f th sensati n cup lograms.

	Phase I	Phase II	Difference T_I T_{II}
Experimental group (E)	16 2 (8 8)	21 9 (7.5)	−5 7 NS
Control group (C)	16 0 (0.8)	12 2 (5 7)	4 7 p 0 05
Difference E–C	−0 7 NS	0 7 p 0 02	

reduced from 1.04 /sec to 0.24 /sec, this difference being significant at the p = 0 02 level In contrast there was an apparent reduction in the "slope" of the cupulogram of the *control* group but this was not supported by the analysis of the calculated "slope values likewise no difference between the calculated threshold values in Phase I and II was demonstrated.

Post Rotational Nystagmus

Nystagmus was recorded for 30 sec following each impulsive stimulus With the smaller stimuli measurable nystagmus was not obtained from all subjects, so analysis was restricted to that obtained following the 60 /sec impulses. The slope of the slow component of each nystagmic eye movement was measured and the angular velocity calculated The regression of log angular velocity against time after deceleration was subsequently calculated for each subject in both Phase I and Phase II the alues fo rotation to right nd left being combined.

The mean values of the time constants (Π/Δ) which describe the decay of ny tagmus were obtained from the gradients of the regression equations and are shown in Table 2. In Phase I the *control* and *experimental* groups were similar but in Phase II the mean value of Π/Δ rose in the *experimental* group and fell in the *control* group The difference between the Π/Δ values in the *control* group in Phase I and II was significant at the $p = 0\,0$ level (Wilcoxon Test) and between *control* and *experimental* groups in Phase II ($p = 0\,02$, Mann & Whitney U Test) Non-parametric tests of ignificance were employed because of the non normal distribution of the calculated Π/Δ values.

As there i some evidence (Collins & Guedry 1962) that the magnitude of labyrinthine nystagmus, engendered by a particular stimulus, is related to the level of arousal the amplitude of nystagmus recorded during the first 3 sec after the 60 /sec impulse was measured It was apparent from in pection of the figures that the e was no significant difference between *experimental* nd *control* groups nor between Phases I and II

Skin Resistance

In an attempt to obtain an indicant of the subject level of arousal, kin resistance was determined before ea h impul ive stimulus as well as the magnitud f the maximum fall in resistance evoked by the stopping f the turntabl (Preber 1958) However neither of these measures showed a gnificant difference between *experimental* and *control* groups in Phase I r in Phase II nor between Phases I and II

Relation f Durati n of After Sensation to Personality

Earl er e periments (Reason, 1963) had shown that there was a positi e correlation between the effect f instruction on the reported duration of

the spiral after-effect and "extraversion" as measured by the Maudsley Personality Inventory.

In the present experiment the rank order correlation (r) between the difference in the total duration of the post rotatory after sensation in Phases I and II in the *experimental* group and the "extraversion scale" score of the MPI was found to be +0.22, which was not significant.

In the *control* group the difference between total after sensation times in Phases I and II represented a habituation effect in contrast to the instruction effect seen in the *experimental* group. This difference was also found to give a positive but not significant rank order correlation of +0.40 with the "extraversion scale" score of the MPI.

DISCUSSION

This experiment demonstrated unequivocally that the duration of the reported after sensation evoked by an impulsive angular stimulus was influenced by the instructions received by the subjects. As the decay of the sensation of turning is relatively slow in the "threshold" zone a small shift in the criterion which determines when the subject decides to indicate that the sensation has disappeared can be manifest as an appreciable increment in the duration of the reported after sensation. In terms of the stimulus response relationship typified by the sensation cupulogram of van Egmond, Groen & Jongkees (1948) the strong instruction produced a depression of the sensory "threshold" without a significant change in the "slope" of the cupulogram. With repetition of the weak instruction there was no significant alteration of either "slope" or "threshold" though the mean slope was lower. The latter is in accord with the observations of de Wit (1953) who demonstrated a similar reduction in the "slope" or habituation of the cupulogram with iteration of the test.

On the evidence provided by the sensation cupulogram alone the effect of instruction is apparently without complication. A *strong* instruction decreases the sensory threshold over that obtained with a *weak* instruction while repetition of the same *weak* instruction leaves threshold unchanged and allows habituation to occur. However it has become apparent that the sensation cupulogram is not derived from the vestibular afferent signal in the relatively simple manner originally proposed by van Egmond, Groen & Jongkees (1949). For if, as was suggested, the sensation threshold were a constant value then the time constant of decay (i.e. "slope") of the sensation cupulogram should correspond to the time constant of decay of the vestibular afferent signal as indicated by the decay of nystagmus slow phase velocity. Subsequently several workers (van Egmond & Groen 1955, Stahle 1956, Groen 1957) drew attention to the disparity in the II/I values obtained by sensation and nystagmus cupulometry, while in a series of over 100 subjects examined in our laboratory it was found that the time constants of decay obtained by measurement of slow phase nystagmus

velocity following an impulsive stimulus were consistently larger than the II/Δ value obtained from the slope of the sensation cupulograms. This feature was also apparent in the present experiment (Table 2)

Hypothetically there are a number of different ways in which this disparity could arise. If the sensory threshold were constant, then the time constant of decay of the afferent signal would have to increase as the magnitude of the stimulus decreased or alternatively the magnitude of the afferent signal following an impulse, would have to be related by a non linear function to the intensity of the stimulus. These two hypothetical mechanisms are untenable not only because they are not in accord with the theory of the behaviour of the end-organ propounded by van Egmond, Groen & Jongkees (1949) but also because experimental measurement of the discharge of ampullary receptors (Groen Löwenstein & Vendrick, 19) and the study of post rotational nystagmus (Aschan, Bergstedt & Stahle, 1956 Stahle, 1957) have shown that the magnitude of the afferent signal, produced by an angular impulse, bore a linear relationship to the intensity of the stimulus, and that the time constant of decay is constant irrespective of the magnitude of the stimulus

It is thus more likely that the difference in time constants obtained by subjective and objective methods is to be explained by the variability of the sensation threshold. Experimental evidence suggests that this threshold is not constant but varies with the intensity and duration of the preceding stimulus in common with the limen of other sensory modalities, it is adaptive (Hallpike & Hood, 1953). This concept is illustrated graphically in Fig 2. The ordinate represents the intensity of th vestibular afferent *signal on a logarithmic scale*. The lines orginating at the $y = 60$ 30 15 and 7.5 positions delineate the exponential decay of the afferent signal for each f the four impulses *used in* the present experiment, the gradient of each line being *determined by the* mean time constant of decay of nystagmu in each experimental condition. (Phase I values were combined in order t facilitat comparison between the effect *of weak and strong* instruction in Phase II) The position of the filled points on the graph was determined by the ordinate of the decay line *appropriate* to the impulse and experimental condition, at the time at which the after sensation was reported to have disappeared.

From such a graphical representation it is *apparent that* the "threshold" fell progressively as the intensity of the impulsive stimulus was decreased. The relationship between these two variables is essentially linear as is shown in Fig 3. *The surprising* feature revealed by this analysis is that

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the threshold values for a particular impulse lay close to one another and changed but little with the strength of the instruction. The threshold was apparently lowest in those subjects who received the *strong* instruction but this was not consistent at all impulse magnitudes and did not differ significantly from the values obtained in the other experimental conditions. Thus it may be tentatively concluded that the principal factor which underlay the alteration in the duration of the after-sensation was the change with instruction of the rate of decay of the afferent vestibular signal.

The demonstration of an alteration in the pattern of activity of the vestibulo-ocular reflex implies a change in the afferent vestibular signal but this may be mediated either peripherally or at higher neuronal levels within the vestibular afferent projection. It is most unlikely that the dynamics of the canal–cupula–endolymph system can be regulated by neuronal activity, though an alteration in the stimulus response relationship of the sensory cells consequent to the activity of efferent neurones is, by comparison with other end-organs, a possible mechanism which receives some support from the experiments of Schmidt (1962) and Sala (1965).

Modification of vestibular responses can also occur as the result of changes in the level of "behavioural arousal" (Collins & Guedry, 1962). Although in the present experiment measures of skin resistance and the amplitude of nystagmus provided no proof that "arousal" was enhanced in the *strong* instruction condition, it can be argued that the more demanding task situation achieved by the *strong* instruction would act in this manner, while conversely "arousal" would be lower in the *control* group in Phase II when the subjects performed a task with which they were already familiar. Heightened "arousal" *per se* should increase the angular velocity of post-rotational nystagmus but need not give rise to a change in the rate of decay. However, an apparent change in time constant would occur if, following the impulsive deceleration, arousal decayed more rapidly in the *control* than in the *experimental* group in Phase II.

The arguments so far adduced lead to the conclusion that instruction exerts its effect by increasing the neuronal signal rather than by alteration of sensory threshold, but caution must be exercised in equating measures derived from nystagmus with the neuronal signal in sensory projection. The discrepancy between the II t values obtained from sensation and nystagmus cupulometry led Stahle (19[illegible]) to the conclusion that both the sensation of turning and nystagmus are influenced by extra-labyrinthine factors of differing nature. Although he considered that nystagmus recorded with the eyes closed reflected most closely the behaviour of the end-organ, Groen (1962) pointed out that the time constant of decay derived from nystagmus measures is still less than that predicted from the physical properties of the canal–cupula–endolymph system. He postulated that the "coupling" between the vestibular afferent signal at the periphery and the neuronal centres which control the efferent manifesta-

tions of vestibular activity is adaptive and that the strength of the in hibitory component of this coupling is greater for the sensation of turning than for nystagmus. This model therefore offers an alternative hypothesis in which instruction exerts its influence by alteration of the coupling between end-organ and neural centres This is an acceptable explanation of the changes observed in nystagmus time constant between Phases I and II but fails to account for the absence of a comparable increase in sl pe of the sensation cupulogram in the *strong* instruction condition unless a dissociation of the coupling between nystagmus and sensation is postulated for this experimental condition

Irrespective of the mechanisms by which instruction modifies post rotational vestibular responses these experiments have demonstrated further the lal ility of both the sensations and nystagmus engendered by stimula tion of semi-circular canal receptors They also point to the necessity to standardize instructi n t subjects who undergo rotational tests of vestibular function, a part of eith r clinical or experimental investigation, especially when inter subject differences are to be assessed

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BÉKÉSY AUDIOMETRY SISI TEST AND CONTRALATERAL MASKING

Preliminary Report

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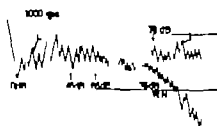
Preliminary in estigation indicate that contralateral masking exerts a ignificant influence on a dit ry diagnostic procedures in which a sustained stimulation is involved. I Békésy tracings, masking caused separation between curves f r interrupted and conti uous tones nd reduction f tracing width of th latter In the SISI-test the scores im- pro ed t higher frequencies. In patients with VIIIth nerve lesion exces- ive temporary thresh ld shifts appeared when th un ffected ear was st m lated with continuous whit ise

In recent years Békésy audiometry by the method of Jerger (Jerger 1960) and the SISI test (Jerger Shedd & Harford, 1959) have become tandard procedures in the examination of patients with unilateral per ceptive hearing loss in order to determine the site of lesion. In most cases— dependent upon the degree of loss—the exclusion of the better ear neces itates the use of a masker Even minor alterations in test conditions may cause significant changes in the outcome of auditory tests and the routine application f making noise t the non-test ear during the named procedures warrants further study With th use of insert-receivers instead of the *cust mary supra-au ral headphones it is possible to increase the trans-* cranial attenuation Cross conduction of the test signal can now often be obviated, e en wh n no masking is used, and a considerable amount of masking can be applied without any risk of overmasking When indicated, the interaural attenuation can be increased by covering the normal ear with a circum-aural noise d fender which w modified to reduce the occlusion ffect and to increas the sound damping properties. By these mean it i pos ible to test most patients without masking and to evaluate th ffects f a masker

PROCEDURE

All acoustic timuli w re delivered by insert receivers, the characteristics f which will be furnished in later publication. The phones were 10-ohm Beyer DT 307 of the hearing aid type

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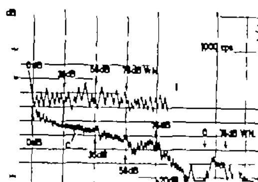


FIG. 1 FIG. 2

FIG. 1. Fixed frequency tracings with increasing contralateral masking in a 61-year-old female with a right acoustic neuroma. Numerals indicate the amount of masking. Arrows indicate the moments when the intensity of the masker was changed. Tracings obtained without masking showed threshold curves for *C* (continuous tone) and *I* (interrupted tone) to be superimposed.

FIG. 2. Fixed frequency tracings in a 48-year-old female with a left acoustic neuroma. For explanation of numerals see 1. →+20 dB indicates an increase in the intensity of the test tone at this moment.

Békésy audiometry was carried out with a Grason Stadler E-800 audiometer, attenuation rate was always "slow" (2.5 dB per second). Sweep-frequency tracings for interrupted (I) and for continuous (C) tones were recorded without masking and later with a continuous white noise at an intensity of 76 dB in the unaffected ear. The noise level was measured in the 2 cc coupler of the Brüel & Kjær model 2203 sound level meter (linear curve). Fixed frequency recordings for I and C were made at no less than 3 frequencies, first without and then with increasing contralateral masking.

The SISI equipment, which has been described previously (Blegvad 1966), is connected to a Madsen OB 60 pure tone audiometer. The testing was done 20 dB above threshold (as determined without masking) at 3 or more frequencies with series of increments ranging from 0.5–5 dB, the intensity variations being of constant magnitude within each series. Test runs without and with 80 dB masking were conducted alternately until—if possible—psychometric functions were obtained for both conditions.

For masking, the unfiltered thermal noise generated by the respective audiometers was used.

RESULTS

Results are reported from the first seven patients with unilateral perceptive deafness examined by this method. The findings should be considered as preliminary, and only the most striking features are mentioned.

In 3 patients suffering from a tumor of the VIIIth nerve, the Békésy tracings for continuous tone were found to be significantly influenced by contralateral masking. In the first patient a marked drift in threshold

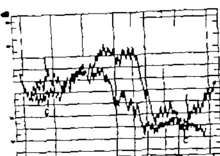
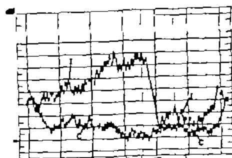



Fig. 3 a.   Fig. 3 b.

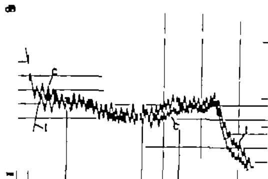
Fig. 3 a. S eep-frequency tracings in 28-yea -old f mal with l ft acoustic neuroma (as yet not surgically confirmed) N masking was used.

Fig. 3 b. S eep-frequency tracings in the same patient as they ppeared when 76 dB contin ous white noise was pplied t the unaffected ea d ring the examination.

could be induced at frequencies where otherwise no shift occurred (Fig 1) In all 3 patients the temporary threshold shifts could be augmented (Fig. 2) and frequently a reduction in tracking amplitude was noted. The changes were reflected in sweep-frequency curves (Fig 3) as well as in the fixed-frequency recordings.

When SISI testing according to the outlined procedure was attempted in the first patient, it was found to be impracticable at 4000 cps because of tone-decay At 1000 and 250 cps, testing could be carried through when no masking was applied to the opposite ear scores were low but for 3.5 and 4 dB increments respectively she responded quite consistently With 80 dB masking the test became impossible also at these frequencies, because of rapid loss of perception of both tone and pips. For this reason a stepwise introduction of the noise was undertaken. With 40–50 dB masking, responses became scattered and at a level of 50–55 dB she stopped completely after the lapse of 15–20 seconds When the noise was switched off she started responding regularly again When masking was resumed, she gave up once more after approximately 20 seconds. This course of events could be repeated several times.

In a patient with a 6-month history of progressive loss, Békésy tracings obtained without masking showed C and I recordings to be superimposed in the 125 to 1200 cps range and only slightly separated at higher frequencies (Fig 4 *a*) When the xamination was repeated with 76 dB contralateral masking the result was clearly different, the amplitude of the C tracing being noticeably reduced and the mid-points of curves separated even at lower frequencies (Fig 4 *b*) In fixed-frequency tracings corre sponding hanges were seen. The initial definite impression of a cochlear type lesion th became less certain. In the SISI testing of this patient, the most conspicuous finding was the *improvement* of scores at 4 kc when ma ki g was applied For 1 dB intensity variations for example scores were repeatedly questionable (20–65%) when no masking was used,



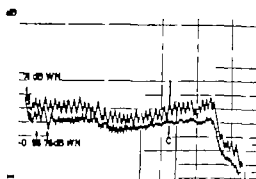


FIG 4 a FIG 4 b

FIG 4 a Sweep-frequency tracing in a 62 year-old female with right sided sensori neural loss, cause yet unknown No masking

FIG 4 b Sweep-frequency tracing in the same patient at 76 dB white noise was applied continuously to the opposite ear during the I recording For irrelevant reason the masking was introduced in steps when the C recording was made

whereas scores of 90–100% were obtained when the opposite ear was stimulated by 80 dB white noise

In a patient who experienced sudden loss 9 months prior to the examination masking produced quite similar alterations 8–12 dB separation between curves in the whole frequency range reduction of amplitude and increase in SISI scores at higher frequencies The loss was of the flat type at a level around 60 dB

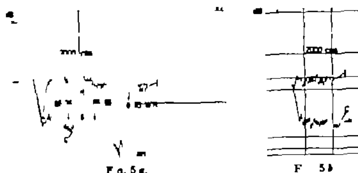
In another patient with loss of sudden onset (duration 3 weeks) Békésy audiometry for pulsed tones revealed a pronounced high frequency loss Hearing was essentially normal in the 125–1700 cps range from this point the curve dropped abruptly reaching the 85 dB level at 4000 cps The I tracings were not affected by contralateral masking whereas the continuous tone tracings at the damaged frequencies were influenced in the same manner as in the tumor cases (Figs 5 a and 5 b) In the SISI test masking caused a marked increase in scores for 1000 and 1500 cps (e g 1000 cps, 1 dB increments 0% → 70%) At 2000 cps the score was 0% even for 5 dB increments, irrespective of the masking condition

It should be mentioned that in normal listeners we found a similar significant improvement in the ability to detect small intensity variations with the use of continuous contralateral masker (to be published)

Finally in a patient with a 6-year-old history of Lermoyez Disease Békésy audiometry and SISI tests were literally unaffected by masking

DISCUSSION

The present results were selected with particular consideration of the pure tone audiograms and the interaural attenuation for our insert receivers (which was determined previously in subjects with complete unilateral deafness)



F a. 5 a. F 5 b

Fig. 5 a. Fixed-frequency traci gs 1 44-year-old mal who dev loped sudden high frequency loss 3 weeks before the examinations. Increasi g contralateral masking Explanation as for 1 and 2.

Fig. 5 b Tracings obtained without masking I th same patient. Duri g the testi g the good ear was covered by noise excludi g cap t improv perlera lal tt nation.

This *per se* should eliminate the possibility that the changes observed were due to physical transmission of the masking noise to the test ear The fact that thresholds for interrupted tones remained essentially un affected, strongly supports the view that overmasking did not occur

Cross conduction of the test stimulus to the unaffected ear can also be excluded except in patients with pronounced perstimulatory threshold shifts. As the threshold deteriorates, the demand for masking increases. If masking is insufficient, a one-to-one relationship between the increase in the intensity of the masker and the shift in threshold is to be expected. This does not appear to be the case.

The possibility that middle-ear muscle activity evoked by the noise could play a part, ought to be touched upon Contraction of the middle-ear muscles will change the threshold for frequencies below the resonance point of the middle-ear and both C and I tracings should be affected in the same way The contraction occurs with a very short period of latency and t nds to decrease over time. These facts do not fit with our findings. The explanation will hav to be sought at other levels in the hearing mechanism.

Brunetti (1961) by th method of Carhart (1937) examined the central auditory dapti n In a majority of normal hearing subjects the adaption could be accel rated through the introduction f 30 dB thermal noise in the contralateral ea In 20% of the subjects a deceleration was found In patient with variou CNS lesions studied with this procedure, alterations n dapti n were noted too, but the paper contains no quantitative informa t n

In p tient with neuroma of the jugular foramen, Harbert & Young (1964) observed a marked drift of threshold in the Békésy fixed-frequency C curve The drift was not seen unless the opposite ear was masked (100 dB whit n ise) They ascribed the phenomenon to overmasking

Dirks & Malmquist (1965) using *Békésy fixed frequency* technique studied shifts in air-conduction thresholds for pulsed and constant pure tones produced by continuous contralateral masking (a narrow band masker centered around 4000 cps) The greater shifts occurred at 4000 cps. With 70 dB masking the mean change for pulsed tracing was 0 91 dB and for continuous 0 66 dB viz the alterations tend to separate the tracings. Furthermore, the excursions in the latter tracing were found to diminish by 30% on the average Only normal hearing subjects were investigated, and the authors do not mention the possible implications of their findings for the current diagnostic use of Békésy audiometry which is based on *a comparison of thresholds for constant and intermittant tones*. Clinical importance has also been attached to measurement of the threshold excursions. It is interesting that also this parameter will often depend upon the degree of masking delivered to the contralateral ear

The general accepted indications for use of a masker are such that the masking effects described may play a major role in clinical audiological procedures that involve perstimulatory examinations

ZUSAMMENFASSUNG

Vorläufige Untersuchungen zeigen dass kontralaterale Maskierung einen signifikanten Einfluss auf audiologisch-diagnostische Verfahren in welche eine dauerhafte Stimulation eingeht ausübt Bei den Békésy Kurven verursachte die Maskierung eine Sonderung *zwischen den Zeichen von pulsierenden und stetigen* Tönen und verminderte die Ausschläge der stetigen Tonzeichen In der SISI Probe wurden die Scores der höheren Frequenzen verbessert Bei Patienten mit Beschädigung des VIII Gehirnnervs entstanden exzessive zeitweilige Schwellen Änderungen wenn das nichtbefallene Ohr mit kontinuierlichem weissem Geräusch stimuliert wurde

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RECONSTRUCTIVE MICRO-SURGERY OF THE EARDRUM BY MEANS OF A TYMPANIC MEMBRANE HOMOGRAFT

Preliminary Report

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Different materials were recommended for reconstructive operations of the tympanic membran The author presents a new myringoplasty technique by usi g human graft kept under refrigeration in a preserv ing solution. These tympa ic membranes were taken from corpses. This technique produced not only ex ellent perative results, but must also be oted for th anatomical and physiological quality of the tympanic membranes reconstituted in this manner In addition the constitution of a tympani membrane bank i also an advantage it eliminates the taking of the graft during the operation itself

Since Wullstein and Zöllner opened the way in 1952 to tympanoplasty numbers of various surgical methods have been suggested. As this paper concerns especially a new material used to reconstruct the tympanic membrane we shall not reopen the discussion here concerning these various surgical methods. As to the choice of material to be used, it has also been the object of numerous publications

Thus, aft r having used total or partial skin grafts, pediculated or not, amniotic membrane, mucosa, periosteum, dura-mater vein, fascia-lata or f scia-temporalis graft and even cornea were suggested in succession

Several mixed techniques were described, where combined use of these materials was made Our aim is not to make a critical study of the use of these different techniques such an bsolutely objective study would be practically impossible as in addition to the problem of the material used, the kill with which the urgeon performs the operation represents a factor that is too v riable Nevertheless, in general it appears to be certain that most f the materials used up to date in competent hands have yielded most valuable results.

Certain materials used have of course undeniable advantages over others. Cert in techniques are predominant because they are easier others be cause of stronger neotympanums and others finally because they obtain a higher quality of phy iological results. None of these techniques, however and they includ the best, can claim to obtain an entire restoration of

the eardrum either in its *anatomical structure* or in its different physiological parameters

What material other than an intact tympanic membrane taken from a fresh corpse could give us the hope of getting so near to this ideal restoration?

It is this main idea that was the basis of our studies and that helped us to perform a myringoplasty of an absolutely new type that has to our knowledge as yet never been published

The use of human grafts required a complete adjustment of the problem of how to take the specimen and how to preserve it These problems will be discussed at length in a later paper but let us already say that the tympanic membrane bank that we have organized comprises eardrums *taken by binocular microscope on fresh corpses (less than 12 hours following death)* These tympanic membranes are then immediately disepithelialized and preserved in a solution at 1 to 5000 of the sodium salt of 2 (ethylmercurimercapto) benzoxazole-5 carboxylic acid (Cialit) at a temperature of ± 3

Criterions *that* determined the choice of this manner of preservation were for us essentially the guarantee of sterile and almost indefinite preservation of the graft and the extreme ease with which it is carried out (Fig 1)

TECHNIQUE

The case that we have chosen to carry out as the first essay of this new technique was a case carefully selected of a Wullstein type I a small boy of 8 years old whose ossicular function was intact whose tubar function was unimpaired and whose transmission deafness was caused essentially by a large perforation of the tympanic membrane This case was a great success which surpassed all our hopes (Fig 2) The operation was performed with a binocular microscope by transmeatal approach at a magnification of 25

After having removed by means of a micro-hook the cicatricious fibrous ligament circling the perforation and after quickening the extremity of the handle *of the* malleus, we loosened with the help of a curved micro-spatula the epithelial layer from the fibrous layer of the tympanic membrane remnants This loosening was performed from the inside towards the outside The loosened epithelium was handled with the utmost care so as to prevent it from being damaged Only three radiated incisions were made so as to be able *to* reflect it back against the edges of the external meatus At the same time two small calcification spots were very carefully loosened and removed

The tympanic graft that had *been* taken 4 weeks earlier was *taken out* of its preserving solution and thoroughly washed in a tepid physiological serum It was *then* applied on the edges of the perforation During this

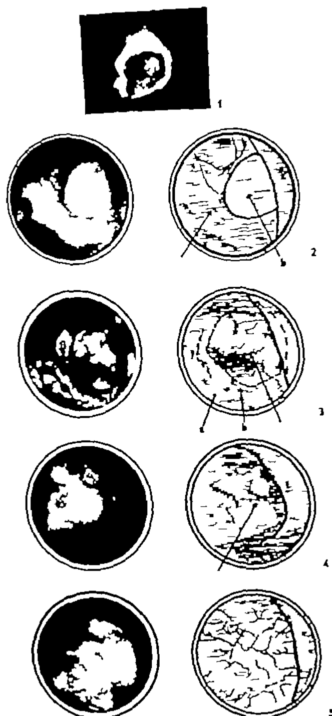


Fig. 1 Drum graft ready for se

Fig. 2. Anterior margi al perforation of the eardrum. a, Drum remnant; b, drum perforation.

Fig. 3. Drum graft in place t the end of the intervention. a, Drum remnant; b graft covered by epitheli m; drum graft.

Fig. 4 Drum seen immediately after removal f the packi g a, The limit f the grafted zone i lmost no longer i ible

Fi Four weeks fter intervention the ascular invasion i complet

operation we were extremely surprised to see the ease with which the graft because of its natural conical shape and its own structure found its place immediately exactly as if it were a tympanic membrane put back into place after a stapedectomy There was no need in this case to fear that the graft would slip out of its place

Immediately after the tympanic membrane had been put into place the epithelium flap that had temporarily been reflected against the edges of the external canal was applied to the graft and carefully spread over it At that moment the tympanic membrane presented a practically normal aspect (Fig 3) A few pieces of synthetic sponge were placed all around the perforation so as to exert a slight even and continuous pressure

It is to be noted that we used no means of support in the tympanic cavity such as gelfoam in order to hasten the healing and mainly so because the graft adheres so perfectly to the edges of the perforation that no element of support is necessary Three days later the synthetic sponge packing was removed At this moment the tympanic membrane had exactly the same aspect as that of an eardrum when the packing is removed after stapedectomy (Fig 4)

The postoperative course was normal and there was an immediate improvement in hearing Two weeks after the operation we proceeded to tidy up the eardrum After having removed a thin limpid and transparent crust the tympanic membrane appeared and was practically normal Only a very fine pink edging and a slight pearly colouring of the graft could be noticed and makes one suspect that a perforation had existed (Fig 5)

At high power magnification one could see that peripheral blood vessels had completely invaded the graft all round the tympanic membrane and mainly at its antero-inferior edge (This little patient was seen regularly)

Whereas the audiometric examination indicated a complete hearing recovery after 2 months it is impossible at otoscopic examination to define the exact limits of the graft The tympanic membrane is perfectly adherent to the handle of the malleus and is entirely mobile with Siegel's speculum

Since the first operation was performed having thus consisted in transplanting to a small boy aged 8 a tympanic membrane taken from a 48-year old woman and preserved during 4 weeks, we have performed this same operation several times in different cases of various types of marginal perforations, and also of completely destroyed tympanic membranes.

So far we have limited ourselves to using only the conjunctive wefts of the tympanic membrane These having previously been disepithelialized and the annular ligament removed all around the tympanic membrane during the preparation of the graft The size of the grafts thus obtained necessarily limits the use of this technique to perforations smaller than that of the graft So it is important to have a choice of various sized tympanic grafts

We have reported only the cases with at least 3 months follow up (October 1965 until May 1966) Of these 17 cases whose ages vary between 8

and 67 we have only one complete failure and one partial failure to deplore the partial failure being retrieved later

It is also important to note that we have not taken into consideration the age or the sex of the donor The experiment seems indeed to indicate that these two factors would be of secondary importance and would hardly have any direct influence on the success of the operation

RESULTS

Group	Success	Failure	Partial failure
I *Perforations of less than 4 mm*			
Intact ossicular function. Dry middle ear for at least 6 months.			
Infectious etiology	cases	—	—
Etiology through burn by half-burnt I ders	1 case	—	—
II. *Large central perf rati ns large than 4 mm*			
Infectious etiology			
I tact ossicula function Middle ea dry for at least 6 month	2 cases	—	—
Intact ossicula function Middle ea dry onl in pprearance During th operation a widespread whit oed ma of th tympanic ca ity mucosa and of the tympanic membrane remn ts were observed Early failure This operat on was ttempted twice but with o result		1 case	
III *Post ri marginal perforati ns*			
I fections et logy Os icular f nction Intact. Middle ea dry for at least 6 month	4 cases	—	—
Cholesteat matou etl logy Os icular function I tact M ddl ea dry for t least 6 months	2 cases	—	—
IV *A t ri marginal perf rati ns*			
I fections tiology Ossicular function intact Middle ea dry for t least 6 months	3 cases	—	—
V *Myringosl ped pexy*			
Performed on an ld posterior margin l perforation of cholesteat matou origin. Middle ear dry I cus destroyed. Normal mobile st pes			
Performed on an ld mast idectomy cavity	1 case	—	—
Extremely large central perforation Attempt of a type III W llstein tympanoplasty P rtial f ilure W thin the first ten day small central perforation ppe red in the eotympanum. This same perforation was successf lly losed 2 months later also by homograft			1 case

It is still too soon to be able to predict the future of this technique in *tympanoplasty and to be able to forecast its extension to more complex* surgical techniques that necessitate the use of a larger graft which could be called a tympanomeatal homograft

We can ascertain here and now that the use of homograft tympanic membrane in micro-surgical reconstruction of the eardrum is a practice that enables us to forecast a widespread future

Nevertheless, these first cases operated on according to this technique allow us to ascertain that the implantation of human tympanic membranes is perfectly possible and that the eardrum thus transplanted after more or less long preservation in a preserving liquid at +3 has little or no risk of being eliminated, but that on the contrary this material must be considered as a choice material in myringoplasty The graft s morphological structure is in itself a quality that seems essential to us and that facilitates the surgical act

We wanted to present these first original cases of transplantation of a human eardrum keeping a more detailed and thorough study for a later paper

RESUMÉ

Différents matériaux furent préconisés pour les interventions reconstructives du *tympan L auteur présente une nouvelle technique de myringoplastie utilisant* des homogreffes de tympans conservés en frigo dans une solution de conserva tion Ces tympans sont prélevés sur des cadavres frais. Non seulement cette technique s est avérée donner d excellents résultats opératoires mais semble devoir être retenue pour la *qualité anatomique* et *physiologique des tympans ainsi* reconstitués La constitution d une banque de tympans presente en outre l avan tage d éviter le prélèvement du greffon durant l intervention

ZUSAMMENFASSUNG

Verschiedene Materiale wurden für die wiederherstellenden Eingriffe des Trom melfelles empfohlen Der Verfasser beschreibt eine neue Technik der Myringoplastik, die darin besteht Trommelfelle zu verpflanzen diese wur len durch Tiefkühlung in einer Konservierungslösung aufbewahrt und sind frischen Leich namen entnommen worden Diese Technik ergab nicht nur ausgezeichnete operative Resultate sondern ist auch bemerkenswert fur die anatomi che und physiologische Natur der so wiederhergestellten Trommelfelle Die Errichtung einer Trommelfellbank stellt auch einen Vorteil dar denn es wird nicht langer nötig sein die Gewebe während des Eingriffes zu verpflanzen

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THE DYNAMIC DC POTENTIAL IN THE COCHLEA OF THE GUINEA PIG (SUMMATING POTENTIAL)

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Using non polarising electrodes, changes of the DC potential in the various turns f the guinea pig's cochlea were measured during the application of sound stimuli by varying the parameters frequen y in tensity and duration In all turn of the cochlea a distinct change in polarity of the SP was found when the frequency of the stimulus was aried by a specific amount. The ma imum of the +SP corresponds with the tonotopic projection f the e periments of von Békésy The SP is found in that part of the cochlea, which is in rest during the pplication of the sound stimulus. It is argued that the +SP and the −SP re generated I different part of the organ f Corti It i found that the latency of th SI equal the latency of the AP The +SP starts simultaneously with the CM an I has no latency The explanation is of fered that the SP can be considered a the summated effects of the asynchronous action potentials. The +SI can be considered a the con sequence of leakage current through the organ of Corti in ccordance w th D Is supposition, concerning th mechanical sensorial transfer dur g the mo ement of the cochlear fluid. This leakage results in th generation of the +SP

SYMBOLS

AP (Action Potential) sum ction f the elementary potentials f the nervus octa us, measured in the cochlea) mph.

CM (Cochlear Microphonics) AC potential equ l in a certai amount to th sound stimulation of the cochlea and measured in the lymph.

SP (Summating Potential) dynamic DC potenti l measured in the cochlea dur ng sound stimulation

SP (Positi e Summati g Potential) positi e DC potential measured between the scala tympani and the neck muscles in that part of the cochlear partition which I mo ing during sound stimulation

SP (Negati Summating Potential) negative DC potential measured between scala tympa i nd neck muscles in that part of the cochlea which I in rest during sound stim lation

Pure SP hypothetically found positi DC potential by subtracting the value f the SP from the valu f the +SI

dB sound pressure on the internation l st ndard f 2 dyne cm

INTRODUCTION

With the Summating Potential (SP) Davis Fernández & McAuliffe (1950) added a third cochlear potential to the well known Action Potential (AP) and Cochlear Microphonics (CM) Several papers on this subject have been published subsequently but the generator place of the SP still remains unknown In their first publication the authors attributed the SP to an active generating process in the organ of Corti the SP as they measured it in the scala media, appeared to be negative Goldstein (1954) was the first to describe a positive SP By Goldstein three types of the SP were presumed namely a strong positive SP a strong negative SP and a weak positive SP The strong negative SP was assumed to be of neural origin The generation of the negative and both positive SP s seemed to be influenced by the frequency of the delivered sound stimulus. No clear relation could be found at that moment

In 1958 Davis, Deatherage & Smith published the results of a research concerning the generator place of the positive and negative SP Although Davis in 1957 had stated that the generator place of the negative SP was situated in the outer haircells, he now claimed that the inner haircells should be held responsible for the negative SP and the outer haircells for the positive SP and CM This presumption was made based on experiments on the anoxaemic cavia cochlea whereas the formerly mentioned experiments showed that the negative SP survived the anoxaemic state of the cochlea better than the positive did The results of these experiments were in contradiction with von Békésy s view who deduced from vital staining experiments that the inner haircells are most vulnerable to oxygen lack

Goldstein observed that the SP under some conditions changed its polarity The change of polarity of the SP was most often attributed to the intensity of the stimulus and the pathological alterations of the cochlea although an influence of the frequency of the stimulus on the polarity of the SP was noted

A publication of Konishi & Yasuno (1963) described an investigation concerning the presence of the positive and negative SP in the various windings of the cavia cochlea A strict relationship between the frequency of the stimulus and the polarity of the SP could not be found

Problem

In his publications Davis *et al* (1950 1957) has pointed out that the generation of the SP should be a local phenomenon in the cochlea Presuming that the SP is formed during the occurrence of shearing forces between the ciliae of the haircells and the membrana tectoria (Davis) alterations of the SP are to be expected *qua* polarity and intensity in that part of the

cochlear partition which is moving during sound stimulation If this were true the SP should comport itself according to the place principle (von Békésy)

von Békésy's presentation of maximum movements along the cochlear partition should be a good guide in finding the maximum displacement of the basilar membrane of the cavia cochlea. With the scheme in mind it is possible to predict at any locus of electrode-placement the actual movement of the basilar membrane underneath the tip of the electrode, as a function of frequency

In this paper experiments will be described in which the SP has been measured in different parts of the cochlea from the results an explanation of the nature of the positive and negative SP is derived.

Methods

The experiments were carried out on 33 guinea pigs of an average weight of 3,0 grams. The animals were anaesthesised with Eunarcon,[1] a barbiturate in dose of 60 mg/kg bodyweight, injected intraperitoneally after an introduction with atropine 0.02 mg/kg bodyweight. A tracheotomy was perf rmed to allow artificial respiration in cases of emergency The narcosis was held as light as possible to avoid any central depression of the cochlear function

Surgical Procedure

The bulla tympanica was, as is usually exposed by an approach from the ventro-lateral side removing the salivary glands, proc. styloideus and the m bl enter The bony wall of the bulla tympanica was removed with a dental drill Afterwards, using a specially made directly driven burr with a diameter of approximately 80 μ holes were made in the scala tympani nd vestibuli of the several windings f the cochlea.

Recording Procedure

The electrodes, empl yed for recording the negative and positive SP n the several windings of the cochlea, were made of ilver with a mantle f silverchloride with an overall diameter of 0 μ The reference electrode onsi ted f silver– ll e chloride plate and was placed between the neck muscles of the anim l. In DC measurements, such as exploring the SP it i ery desirabl to use silver/silverchloride electrodes in order to avoid any polarisation. In Fig 1 a block signal is detected in saline solution to illustr t the possibility of polarisati n. All electrodes other than the AgCl one gi rise to differentiati n of the input ignal

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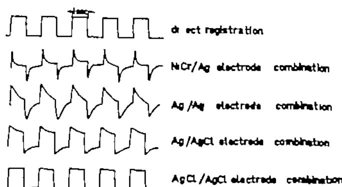


FIG. 1. The different electrode-combinations were compared. It wa found that the AgCl/AgCl electrode combination gave the best representation of the offered block pulse polarisation is hardly visible.

pical turn

Cut-off freq ncy 4000 Hz

basal turn

Cut-off frequency 250 H

Cut-off freq cy 50 Hz

100 μV

5 msec

FIG. 2. Influence of th used filters (6 dB Oct) n th −SP d +SP regi trati n t sed frequency of th soundstimulus i 4000 Hz I th basal turn the −SP leel found, the −SP is present in the pic l turn I th l w t part f th reg t ti with cut ff frequency of 50 Hz the l t ncy of th −SP is lea l d m strated the lack f the latency of the +SP is also vi ible It i sh wn th t the +SP st rted mmedi t ly t th beginning of the sound timulu The N1 d N2 dips re maller i th +SP regi tr tion than in the −SP because f the mi i g f th p re +SP nd th SP

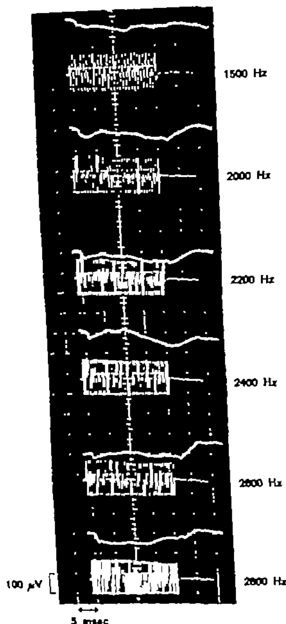


Fig. 2. Altering the +SP to the −SP by increasing the frequency from 1500 Hz to 2800 Hz measured in the third turn of the cochlea of the guinea pig. The maximum value of the SP is reached at a frequency of the stimulus of 2400 Hz. At 2600 Hz the −SP is found and its value remained constant after increasing the frequency of the stimulus.

(only no. 370) of which the low frequency range was extended from 0.2 to 0.02 Hz. With a short signal (under 1 sec) little or no distortion of the signal was seen on the oscilloscope. This method produced a steady baseline on the oscilloscopic track, since slow DC potentials, such as muscle

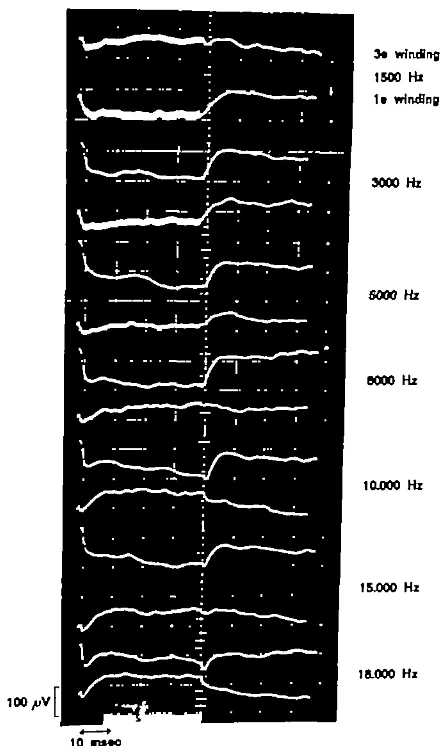


Fig. 4. +SP and −SP me[illegible]ured in t[illegible] th[illegible]rd [illegible]d basal t[illegible]n [illegible]f th[illegible] t several frequencies of the soundstimulo. In th[illegible] third t[illegible]rn the +SP [illegible]t 1500 H[illegible] [illegible]isappeared [illegible]d is altered in a −SP at 3000 Hz that rem[illegible]ed con[illegible]ta[illegible]t through [illegible] th[illegible] higher frequencies. In th[illegible] basal winding a −SP i[illegible] pres[illegible]t [illegible]t [illegible]timul[illegible] freq[illegible] [illegible]f 1500 H[illegible] by increasing the frequency a +SP is formed w[illegible]th a m[illegible]imal [illegible] at 18,000 H[illegible]

potentials, do not upset the amplifier. The CM was filtered out by a 6 dB/oct. low pass filter (cut-off frequency 50 Hz).

Sound Stimulus

The signal used consisted of rectangular tone bursts of 0.1–100 msec duration; variable parameters were intensity and frequency. This signal was led to a telephone receiver of the condenser type, with a flat response from 300–30,000 Hz. The small size of the telephone receiver made it possible to introduce it into the external ear canal of the animal, close to the eardrum. The same electrical signal was fed into an identical telephone receiver which was attached to a 0.5 ml air coupler terminated by a calibrated condenser microphone imitating the external ear canal of the animal. The frequency characteristic of the condenser telephone was of such a high quality that it permitted even a true fidelity reproduction in air of an electrical signal of a single sinusoid (between 300 and 10 000 Hz). The intensity of the signal used during these experiments was always below distortion level (as observed on the oscilloscope screen, where its CM was displayed). It appeared that a maximum intensity level of approximately 80 dB could be maintained throughout the experiments at all frequencies. The lowest intensity level which could be used was approximately 35 dB. The intensity range over which the phenomena to be described below could be observed, was around 4[illegible] dB.

RESULTS

Shape and Occurrence of the SP

The first experiments were done in the third turn of the cochlea with a stimulus frequency in the range of 300–3000 Hz and a duration of 50 msec. In this case the signal had a maximum intensity of 70 dB to avoid any distortion of the middle and inner ear. The eventual distortion was controlled by watching the shape of the CM, derived from the third turn. When no distortion was present, the observation of the SP was started by switching on the low pass filter. Inspection of the SP was made easy. The −SP which was found under these conditions, started with a negative dip. It seemed, after switching on the low pass filter, that the negative dip was congruent with the usual N1 and N2 of the AP when using the low pass filter to exclude the otherwise disturbing CM, the −SP had a latency of the same duration as the AP. At the end of the −SP a second negative dip was seen. It came at the same place as the off phenomenon and it had the same latency as the AP. Between the two negative dips at the start and the end of the −SP the signal remained negative [illegible]. As for the +SP, it is typical that its shape also started with a

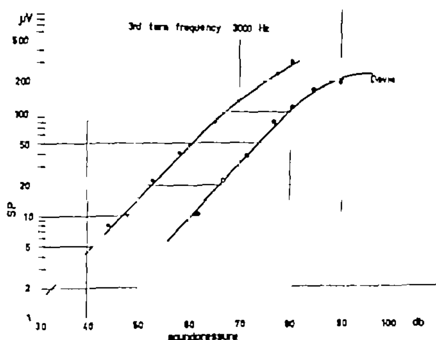


Fig 5 Input–output relation of the −SP by a frequency of the sound stimulus of 3000 Hz. By this frequency a −SP was present in the third turn Our own measurements were compared with those of Davis *et al* (1958)

negative dip but subsequently it turned positive while at its end a slight negative dip was often found

In agreement with some other authors, we observed several forms in between the +SP and the −SP The midpart of the signal could even be zero Striking was the fact that the shapes of the −SP and the +SP were completely different By looking closely at the shape of the +SP and its transition into a −SP as a function of frequency it could be observed that this +SP must be a mixture of a far greater positive voltage and a constant negative voltage

The curve at the bottom of Fig 2 shows that the beginning has a slope upwards (positive) followed by a negative dip (N1 and N2) After this part the curve rises slowly to become positive again The negative part is here smaller than in the curve presented above the former because of the positive contribution The negative part clearly demonstrates a latency attributed to the formation of the N1 The +SP however shows no latency starts together with the CM and by this it reveals its presence already in the beginning of the recording

There is every reason to presume that the +SP found in the measurements is a mixture of a pure +SP and the −SP and has to be corrected for this negative amount This statement will be elucidated in the chapter on discussion

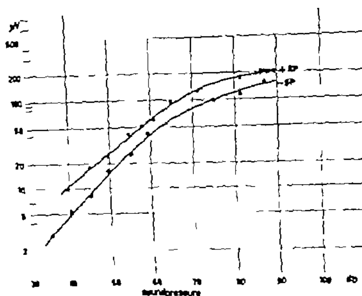


FIG. 6. Input-output relation of the "pure + SP" measured in the third turn of the cochlea. With frequency of 1000 Hz a maximum value of the + SP was found. The value of the SP was measured at frequency of 4000 Hz.

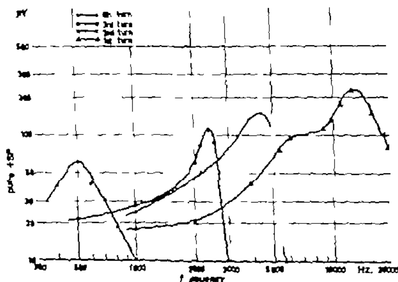


FIG. 7. Maximum values of the "pure + SP" found in the four turns of the cochlea of the guinea pig. The value of the SP was measured at soundpressure of 80 dB about 110 V. The increase of the maximum value of the "pure + SP" from the fourth turn to the basal turn could be the result of the change of the electrical resistance of the basilar membrane according to the work of Misrahy and co-workers (1958).

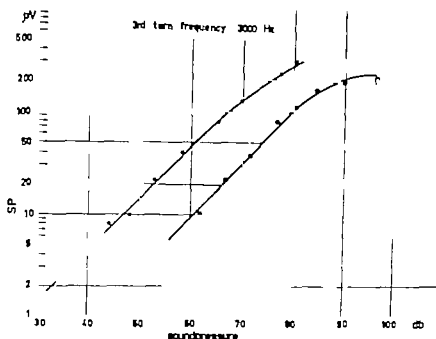


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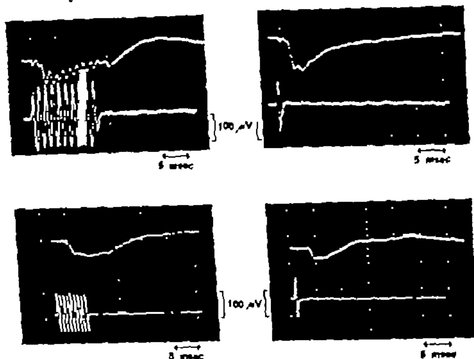


Fig. 8. Observation of the +SP and the −SP by increasing the number of ... measured in the apical turn of the cochlea. In the upper track the used stimulus frequency was 700 Hz. After 10 ... the +SP is already formed. In the lower track the used stimulus frequency is 1800 Hz, no +SP can be formed now after increasing the number of ... SP ... formed

...ation of the condenser telephone receiver and for the lower sound pressures by the noise of the amplifiers. Still it was possible to cover a dynamic range of 40 dB in airborn sound, without distortion being introduced between 40 and 80 dB.

Since we had attributed such an important role to the "pure +SP" it was very interesting to measure the maximum values of this potential in the various windings by applying that frequency that would yield the maximum movement of the cochlear partition in that part of the cochlea. In Fig. 7 the best results are obtained in the third and second winding; the slope of the "pure +SP" is very steep when approaching the place where the cochlear partition must be in rest. The whole pattern must be related to von Békésy's envelope although our curve is much sharper. In the apical and basal winding the measurement could not be as exact as before because of the small dimensions of the apical winding and the high resolving power for frequency of the basal winding, resulting in a close projection of the frequencies; the dimension of the electrode was here far too large to detect this fine analysing power.

Relations Between Frequency of the Stimulus Place of the Electrode and Polarity of the SP

It was easy to change the +SP into the −SP or vice versa by merely changing the frequency of the sound stimulus It appeared that there existed a specific frequency range, for a certain electrode position within which the SP shows the positive sign with a maximum value at a critical frequency If the electrode was situated in the third winding a maximum positive value was found at 2400 Hz by increasing the frequency of the sound stimulus to 2800 Hz, the SP changed its polarity completely into negative By lowering the frequency of the sound stimulus to 2800 Hz, the SP changed its polarity completely into negative By lowering the frequency from 2400 Hz down to about 1500 Hz, the SP stayed positive although its voltage reduced gradually There appeared to be a sharply defined edge on the high frequency side of the frequency band of positive polarity whereas the other side of that same band does not show such a clear zero crossing Outside the positive frequency band the SP was negative and remained so with a constant value throughout the whole frequency range above 2800 Hz (Fig 3) There was no doubt that the maximal +SP was reached in that part of the cochlea that corresponds with the point of maximal movement according to von Békésy s measurements in the cochlea of the living guinea pig The −SP is found in that part of the cochlea which is in rest during stimulation

These observations could be repeated for the other windings of the cochlea (Fig 7) The critical frequency that produced the change from −SP to +SP was in agreement with von Békésy s findings In the basal winding this critical frequency was about 1[illegible]000 Hz, in the second third and fourth winding respectively 4500 2500 and 800 Hz These measurements were clearly reproducible in one animal and even between different animals the critical frequency for a certain winding reproduced itself within a 15% tolerance A typical bandwidth could be found between the frequency maximum +SP value and the appearance of the −SP it always had a bandwidth of about 20% of the critical frequency under observation

Input Output Relation

In accordance with Davis work on the input–output relation measurements were performed on the −SP as well as on the +SP For the −SP a curve could be found analogous with Davis measurements (Fig 5) By plotting the maximum value of the +SP a similar curve could be found Keeping in mind that this +SP must be the algebraic sum of a hypothetical "pure +SP" and the ever present −SP the value of the +SP mentioned first had to be corrected for the −SP value (Fig 6) The input–output function was limited for high sound pressures by the mechanical dim n

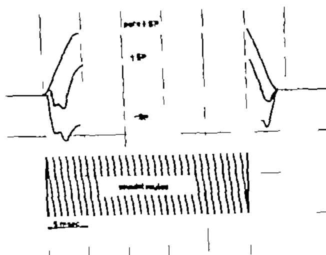


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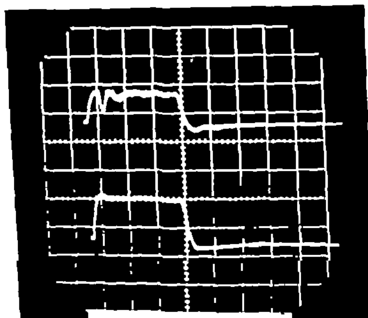


Fig. 9 b.

Fig. 9 (a) Schematical present tion of the +SP the −SP and the "pure +SP". The "pure SP" was found by subtracting the alue of the −SP from the value of the +SP. At present hypothetically found.) (b) The +SP and the "pure +SP" measured by differential electrode technique in the second turn of the cochlea. (Soundstimulus 4000 Hz. I the lower track the "pure +SP" i clearly shown; the +SP i the pper track st ll content the AP the amplitude is smaller

Duration of the Stimulus and the SP

If the signal merely consists of a few sinusoids (less than 5) only the action potentials can be observed revealing the first appearance of the −SP If the number of successive sinusoids surmounts 5 the formation of a +SP can be observed, preceding the −SP by the latency period The formation of the +SP apparently asks for a minimum number of sinusoids When listening to the monitor telephone receiver this was just the point where the click sound changed into a tonal sound

By observing the origin of the −SP by increasing the number of sinusoids, it was clear that the negative value of the signal beyond the NI was caused by the added nerve action potentials The same could be done for the +SP after 5 sinusoids the signal turned positive and remained so independent of the number of sinusoids applied The large difference between the +SP and the −SP was very obvious with this method i e by increasing the number of sinusoids (Fig 8)

DISCUSSION

Our findings suggest that there must be different places of origin for the +SP and the −SP To give an explanation for both SP s a hypothesis is offered which separates both potentials as to location

When studying the structure of the −SP one is confronted with a striking similarity with that of the AP By applying a masking with white noise both the AP and the −SP can be reduced in amplitude the AP and the −SP start at the same moment and the input–output relation is similar for both potentials the −SP can be interpreted as a summation of the isolated asynchronous action potentials of the various nerve fibers Now we would like to suggest that the −SP is of neural origin, whereas the +SP must be located in another part of the organ of Corti

When considering the pure +SP which follows hypothetically from the observations of the +SP and the −SP one is struck by the fact that it runs synchronously with the CM there is no latency The "pure +SP" has been constructed by subtracting the −SP from the +SP later on the same procedure was electrically performed by using differential electrodes in the scala tympani and vestibuli following a very well known technique In this way the −SP was eliminated from the measured +SP leaving back the "pure +SP On the upper track on the oscilloscope screen the registration of the +SP was seen the lower track showed the pure +SP" There was a striking resemblance between the constructed pure SP" and the electrical measured pure +SP (Fig 9 a and 9 b) The maximum of the "pure +SP" is found in that part of the cochlear partition that is in maximum movement during stimulation The "pure SP" seems to be

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Davis stated in 1960 that in considering the stimulating mechanism of the haircells one should assume a current from the scala media (+80 mV) through the haircells to the scala tympani (0 mV). Thus the organ of Corti should be considered as a variable resistance, the value of which is directly related to the movements of the basilar membrane. Later investigations by Christiansen (1964) stated that there are protein structures in the lamina reticularis, which can act as a variable resister by form alterations.

Based on the above assumption, the "pure +SP" and the +SP which *is measured right under the basilar membrane in the scala tympani* should be regarded as the potential difference caused by the leakage current from *scala media to scala tympani as a consequence of the movements of the* basilar membrane and proportional to them. Since summating is now out of the question for the +SP, the introduction of a new name is required such as the "Dynamic DC Potential". The term "Summating Potential" can be maintained for the −SP.

If we return now to the relationship between the localization of the +SP and the frequency of the sound stimulus, more can be said about the area involved. In our experiments it was found that the bandwidth in which the +SP changed into the −SP was about 15% of the frequency at which the maximum +SP value occurred. This value of 15% resembles the value of the critical bandwidth in man as measured by Fletcher (1940), Zwicker (1957), *Greenwood (1961)* and *Plomp (1964)*. There is a strong resemblance between the human and guinea pig cochlea, so it can be concluded that the bandwidth of polarity change of the SP could be identical with the critical bandwidth as measured in man.

ZUSAMMENFASSUNG

Viele widersprechende Auffassungen über das Entstehen des "Summating Potentials" sind in den *bisherigen Veröffentlichungen — nach der Entdeckung durch* Davis und Mitarbeiter (1950) — erschienen. Die Ergebnisse Davis' und Mitarbeiter schienen einen Zusammenhang zwischen der Reizfrequenz, der Polarität des SP's und der Stelle der ableitenden Elektrode aufzuweisen. Bisher hat man diese Voraussage jedoch nicht beweisen können. Es werden nicht polarisierbare Elektroden verwendet, um die Änderungen des SP's in den verschiedenen Windungen der Schnecke des Meerschweinchens zu finden beim Applizieren eines tonalen Reizes. Die Parameter Frequenz, Intensität und Dauer konnten dabei geändert werden. In allen Windungen der Cochlea konnte eine nachweisbare Änderung in der Polarität des SP gefunden werden, sobald die Reizfrequenz um eine gewisse Zahl geändert wurde. *Die Maxima des +SP werden dort ge*funden, wo die basiläre Membran die maximale Bewegung durchführte nach von Békésy. Das *−SP wird in* der Cochlea an der Stelle gefunden, wo die basiläre

INFLUENCE EXERTED ON AUDITORY FATIGUE BY SOME CALMATIVES AND STIMULANTS OF THE CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM

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A remarkable decrease f th i ten ity nd duration of auditory f tigue has been found on dministrati f atarax and m probamat d it ppears that th effect produced by these drugs through the reticular formation Admini tration of luminal brought about but a small decrease particula ly in young people Caffein shortened and alleviated the f tigue its ction being strikingly dependent on th ge of xaminees. No effect ha been detected i the case f lobelin and neither intensity no duration of the fatigue were decreased on dministration of placebo The results bt ined seem t point t ignificance f the reticular formation in th mechanism f ditory fatigue

A irritation of the audit ry rgan with a prolonged or over intense sonic stimulu leads to ne of the three effects adaptation fatigue or trauma. A ha been pointed out by a serie of authors, auditory fatigue and audit ry daptation constitute two different phenomena of a transitory decrease in sensitivity of the organ (von Békésy 1960 Hahn, 1962 Langenbeck, 1960 Luscher 1952 Sieluzycki, 1962 Szpunar 19_3 and others) An appellation f by timulus and post stimulus adaptation has been proposed by othe auth rs to tell the two phenomena apart (Capell & Montserrat 1961 M spétiol, 1962 Portmann & Portmann, 1954 and oth rs.) The adaptation i a physi logical phen menon, a beginning of a new functional period in altered conditi ns. It remains unchanged as long as a st mulus is pplied and v nishes quickly when the irritation is stopped (Gouvry 1961 Led ux & Paepe 1961) The auditory f tigue is a pathological phenomen n and ignifies a temporary injury to the organ resulting f m an er-int nse irritation. The injury h wever becomes manifest after certain l pse f time foll wing the withdrawal f the irritation. In particula condition the fatigue persist and is spoken of as a trauma (Kylin, 1960)

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A remarkabl decrease f the int nsity and duration f audit ry fatigue has been found on administration f atara and meprobamate and it appears that the ffect is prod ced by these drugs through th reticula formation Administration f l minal brought bout but small decrease particularly in young peopl Caffei e shortened and alleviated the fat gue its ction bei g strikingly dependent on th ge of xaminees. No effect has been detected in th case f lobeline and neither i tensity nor duration f the f tigue were decreased n administration of placebo. The result btai ed seem t point at a signif cance f the ret cular formation in the mecha ism f audit ry f tigue

An irritation of the aud tory organ with a prolonged or o er intense tonic stimulu leads to one f the three effects ad ptation, fatigue or trauma As ha been pointed out by a series of authors, auditory fatigue and audit ry adaptation constitute two different phenomen of a transitory decrease in sen itivity of the organ (von Békésy 1960 Hahn, 1962 Langenbeck, 1960 Luscher 1952 Sielużycki, 1962 Szpuna 1953 and others) An appellati n of "by-stimulu and post-stimulus ad ptati n has been proposed by other uthors to tell the two phen mena apart (Capella & Montserrat, 1961 Maspétiol, 1962 P rtm nn & Portmann, 1954 and others.) The adapt tion i a physiological phenomen n a beginning of a new functional period in alt red conditions. It emains unchanged as long as a stimulus i pplied and vanishes quickly when the irritation is stopped (Gomry 1961 Ledoux & Paepe 1961) The auditory fatigue i a pathologic l phenomenon and signifies t mporary injury to the organ resulting from n ove intense irritati n The injury however becomes manifest after a certain lapse f time following the withdrawal of the irritation. In particular conditions the fatigue persists and is poken f as a trauma (Kylin, 1960)

In pit of extensi e resea ch opini ns still vary as to where and how auditory fatigue i generated. According to Békésy it d lops at the point of application of the stimulu in the peripheral recepti e organ, which

is the basilar membrane Alternating intensity of sound produces via osmotic processes, a change in the concentration of the chemical components and this in turn results in an electric impulse stimulating the nerve fibres According to Gouvry Langenbeck Lüscher and others adaptation also takes place in the cochlea and probably depends on a mechanical change in the elasticity of the tectorial membrane or Corti's organ while fatigue depends on the bio-electrical processes at this level Electro-acoustic examination of the cochlear potentials (Ruben & Sekula 1961) has shown that the auditory fatigue varies in the presence of other stimuli visual olfactory etc and also when the reticular formation is irritated According to Brunetti Maspétiol and Paiva the fatigue is governed by the central nervous system particularly the reticular formation There are many methods of testing the auditory fatigue and auditory adaptation as the tests of Peyser Wilson Theilgard Hood Carhart Feldman and others show The purpose of these tests was to establish personal vulnerability to an accoustic injury A majority of the experiments however have consistently confirmed that there is no interrelation between the degree of auditory fatigue and the personal vulnerability to an acoustic injury

The effect of pharmacological agents on hearing and the behaviour of auditory fatigue is not yet well known Results obtained by many authors point at a strong influence of the vegetative system on auditory fatigue (Lüscher 1952 Plester Seymour and others) The works of Jankowski *et al* (1956 1955 1962) show that the sympathetic system has but a small direct share in the preservation of the microphonic potentials and that its indirect influence which consists of disturbance of the blood circulation in the cochlea and consequently the oxygenation process is much more important Morphine according to Radzimiński does not influence the tonal threshold of hearing and the better understanding of speech produced by it should be ascribed to its effect on the central nervous system In recent years particular attention has been given to the drugs which decrease the reaction of the organism to harmful stimuli and reduce the metabolism in the nerve cell These drugs constitute a very numerous group and are called by the common name of orthotonic agents or tranquillizers Examination of the way in which they operate has disclosed that the origin of their action falls within the reticular formation (formatio reticularis) responsible for the state of vigilance

Recent researches (Hahn Magoun Sadowski and others) seem to suggest that the reticular formation plays an important part in promoting and moderating the functions of the nervous system Hernandez-Peon Scherrer and Jouvet have found (after Sadowski) that irritation of the reticular formation in a cat produces a restraining effect on the functions of the cochlear nucleus Irritation of Rasmussen's olive-cochlear fasciculus in the brain stem has been found by Galambos to restrain auditory signals in the cochlea Ruben & Sekula discovered that the auditory response becomes cancelled at the level of auditory organs, corpora geniculata or

auditory nerve depending on the intensity of an electric stimulus operating on the olive-cochlear fasciculus According to Hernandez the fasciculus constitutes the terminal element of an afferent system contained between the cortex and the cochlea As it becomes irritated, the microphonic potentials increa e as a result of the disengagement of acetylcholine in the cochlea (Gisselsson & Sörensen, 1950) According to Glotty the reticular formation becomes less sensitive on administering a tranquillizer In Polish medical literature the problem of the application of tranquillizing drugs for labyrinthine and extralabyrinthine diseases was discussed by Kossowski *et al* (1962) By administration of these drugs they obtained a decrease of tinnitus and the tests of adaptation showed an increase of the b-field in the adaptogramme of the Feldman test which reflects the efficiency of the cochlear nerve Also the researches of Hahn & Scarzella confirm that largactil decreases remarkably the time of threshold decay which indicates the significance of the reticular formation in the mechanism of auditory fatigue

RESEARCH

Examinations were carried out on the staff of the 1st Laryngological Clinic, PG.M.S. in Warsaw Twenty persons were examined, their ages ranging from 18 to 60 years. The examinees were subdivided into four age groups

1st group—below 21 years
2nd group—21 thr ugh 40 years
3rd group—41 through 50 years
4th group—51 through 60 years.

All th w uld be examinees were asked questions about illnesses of the auditory organ nd upper respiratory tract which they had suffered and about the drugs and stimul nt which they had been taking. Those selected for the test were healthy people. Of stimulants, they were habitually drinking coffee in large and medium quantities (1 to 6 cups a day) and a majority m ked igarettes (about 20 a day)

The test were carried out with the following gents (*a*) calming agents atarax, meprobamate luminal (*b*) stimulating agent caffeine strychnine, lobeline

Fo the purpose of control each of the examinees wa given placebo mylum) d wa subjected t tests analogous to those performed after th dmin stration of the drug specified above Among the calmatives particul attention was paid to tranquillizers, selecting those which produce least side ffect and whose influence on hearing had not been tested before The choice f luminal wa i spired by it somniferous action. It seemed interesting to see if this cti n would have any influence on udit ry f tigue Among the drug f the second group strychnine with

its strong stimulating action, seemed likely to have some influence on the fatigue It was singled out because it makes the reflex arcs more sensitive and increases the sharpness of the sense Lobeline was chosen because it affects the central *nervous system indirectly* via reflex with sinus caroticus, and its stimulating action is thus different from that of the two drugs mentioned previously

METHOD

The tests were carried out in a room of mediocre silence and using a Polish made audiometer *Audiomatic Elza* A modified version of the Peyser test was applied the modification consisting in transmitting for 8 minutes to the ear a tone of 1500 Hz and an intensity of 75 dB above a predetermined threshold and subsequently determining the thresholds for both the irritation and neighbouring frequencies, i e 1000 2000 and 4000 Hz. The first check was done immediately on switching off the irritation tone and the next ones at every two minutes until the initial threshold values *reappeared The hearing threshold of the test frequency was accurately* determined before each test

The above modification was introduced because it rendered the tests simpler and in comparison with other methods, the elevation of the threshold was relatively great and long lasting An average magnitude of auditory fatigue obtained with this method amounted to 20 dB with a duration of 8 minutes In the Peyser Theilgard and Wilson tests a 5 dB *increase of the threshold is treated as standard while a 10 dB difference* can already be suspected of being pathological yet such small values were unacceptable with the Audiomatic Elza *A scale division there is 5 dB* and a difference of 5–10 dB may well be considered as the limit of error

Starting from the assumption that auditory adaptation and auditory fatigue constitute two different phenomena the author s task being to estimate the influence of some agents affecting the central nervous system on the fatigue only all the tests aiming at the determination of the adaptation have been excluded from this work

Each of the examinees was *primarily subjected to two empty tests*, meaning tests without any of the drugs specified above The purpose of such a procedure was to *mark out a standard auditory fatigue* The results obtained although varying in different persons proved to be in any given examinee, constant provided that the tests were conducted under the same conditions and at the same time of day The intensity and duration of the fatigue were subject to large changes in the presence of additional psychical and physical stimuli The best illustration of this is given by the diagram of auditory fatigue in a nurse after 3 days of night duty in comparison with the normal curve plotted for this person The audiory fatigue here amounts to 25 dB/12 min and 15 dB/6 min respectively

On establishing the standard for a given person the next step was to test the auditory fatigue after administration of one of the agents specified below The examinees were not told which drug they were taking

Calming drugs

Atarax ((1 p-chloro-benzhydrolo-4) 2 2 hydroxy (-ethyl) piperazine hydrochloride)) The tests were performed 30 min after oral administration of a 10 mg dose of the agent

Meprobamate (2 methyl-2n propyl-1,3-propandiol bicarbominate) Auditory f tigue was tested 30 min after oral administration of a 0 4 g dose

Luminal (5-ethyl-5 phenylobarbituric acid) The auditory fatigue tests were performed 90 min after oral administration of a 0 1 g dose

Stimulating drugs

Strychnine (an alkaloid occurring in different species of plants of the genus strychnos) The auditory fatigue tests were performed 20 min after hypodermic administrati n of a 0.002 g dose

Caffeine (1,3,7-trimethyl xanthine) The tests were performed 15 min after oral administration of a dose of 0.2 g. It was a strictly observed rule that the examinee should not drink coffee on the day the test was per f rmed

Lobeline (an alkaloid derivati e of piperadine) Auditory fatigue was tested immediately fter hypodermic administration of a dose of 0 003

In order t control reactions the tests were performed after administra tion of placebo. Between two consecutive tests there were intervals of at least 4–7 days. Each of the examinees was additionally subjected to one control test f tigue with no drug administered In this way each person underwent 10 tests of auditory fatigue and the total number of tests was 200

RESULTS

The tests ha e shown that the greatest increase of the threshold takes place with the frequency of th irritating tone The increase observed with 4000 Hz was equal to, and sometimes e n less than, that of the irritation frequency Th biggest values bove the thresholds were detected im mediately fter disconnecting the irrit ting signal nd after 2 min the fatigu fell down to 10–5 dB abo e the threshold. The increase of the threshold with the f equency of 1000 Hz, i.e maller than the irritation n h d minimum, sometimes undetectable values.

An nalysi which was m de after applicati n of the calming agents ha hown that none f them had any influence on the threshold of hearing On the other hand, a very strong effect on auditory fatigue has been f und with atarax and mep obamate Both these drugs tend to con plet usly diminish intensity nd durati n of the f tigue and seem to act

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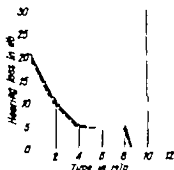


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Fig. 3. The common mean of auditory fatigue after the stimulating agents. ——— Normal (hearing loss 20 dB, time 8.2 min) ... luminal (hearing loss 16.5 dB, time 7.4 min) ---- meprobamate (hearing loss 11 dB, time 4.5 min); ... atarax (hearing loss 11dB, time 3.6 min)

Fig. 4. A diagram of auditory fatigue after placebo. ——— Normal ... Placebo.

cortex. The hypothesis of central action gains further support by the fact that the tests have revealed no effect on the threshold of hearing. This falls in with Laborit's discovery in his experiments after Jus, that tranquillizers can moderate functions of the central nervous system by slowing down reactions to harmful stimuli. The decrease of auditory fatigue observed with atarax and meprobamate can be exactly an effect of this slowed-down reaction of the reticular formation to a harmful, over intense sonic stimulus, while the sharpness of hearing itself being a reaction to a threshold and thus harmless, stimulus, remains unaffected by these drugs. Also Glotfelty maintains that tranquillizers can decrease the sensitivity of the reticular formation to sensory stimuli. The results seem to prove that the reticular formation plays an important part in the mechanism of auditory fatigue and these results are compatible with those obtained by Hahn after the administration of largactil. Yet it should be emphasized that a majority of the examination of auditory fatigue confirm it to be localized in Corti's organ. Therefore it seems that, while the results testify to an influence of the reticular formation on the mechanism of fatigue a certain effect of tranquillizers on the peripheral perceptive organ of hearing cannot be excluded. Such an effect was suggested by the results obtained by Kossowski *et al.* in treating Menière disease with orthotomic agents. They obtained better efficiency of the cochlear nerve which was vindicated by an increase of the b-field of the adaptogramme in the Feldman test.

The results discussed here show a remarkable decrease in the intensity and duration of auditory fatigue on administering atarax and meprobamate which, considering their origin of action, can be a proof of an essential influence of the reticular formation on the mechanism of auditory fatigue.

In order to accurately determine the localization of the auditory fatigue

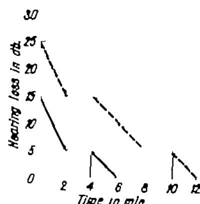


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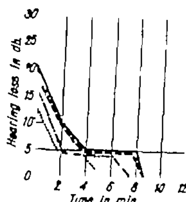


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Fig. 1. A diagram of auditory fatigue after 3 days of duty ——— Normal - - - - after 3 days of duty

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in a fairly similar way. They can in some people produce a slight feeling of sleepiness. According to the results obtained luminal has a rather limited influence on fatigue. In young people, however, a certain very small effect can be traced.

An analysis of the results obtained with the stimulating agents proves them to be of no effect on the threshold of hearing. On administration of caffeine auditory fatigue becomes less intense and durable but the effect is distinctly dependent on the age of the person who has taken the drug. However, it should be remembered that all the examinees were habitually drinking coffee. Strychnine has been found to affect auditory fatigue to a certain minimum degree, without influencing the sharpness of hearing. The results obtained with lobeline prove this drug to be totally devoid of influence on auditory fatigue.

For the purpose of control all the examinees were subjected to a test of auditory fatigue after administration of placebo (amylum). No decrease of intensity nor shortening of duration of the fatigue were detected, although the examinees did not know which drug they were taking. It is worth mentioning that many examinees were complaining of sleepiness after placebo, however with no effect on the results.

DISCUSSION

Among the results obtained the big influence exerted on auditory fatigue by atarax and meprobamate deserves particular attention. The mechanism and origin of the action of these agents are not yet sufficiently known. The results seem to reflect their influence on the reticular formation where harmful stimuli are liable to become dispersed and emitted onto the

2. The influence exerted on audit ry fatigue by luminal is of a minimum degree and it can mainly be detected in young people.

3. After administration of caffeine auditory fatigue decreases, particularly in young people.

4. The influence observed with strychnine was minimum.

5. No influence on auditory fatigue has been discovered after the ad ministration of lobeline.

6. None of the agents tested has been found to affect the threshold of hearing.

7. In none of the examinees has any decrease of the intensity and dura tion of auditory fatigue been shown after placebo was administered.

8. The results obtained seem to indicate an influence of the reticular formation on the mechanism of auditory fatigue.

ZUSAMMENFASSUNG

Es wurde eine hervorragende Verml lerung und Verkürzung der Dauer der Hörermüdung bei Anwendung von Atara und Meprobamat festgestellt. Da scheint von der Wirkung dieser Heilmittel durch die F rmati reticulari abhängig zu sein. Nach der Anwendung von Luminal k mmt nur ein geringe Verminderung der Hörermüdung vor besonders bei jungen Menschen. I ter der Wirkung von Coff in kommt in Verkürzung und Verminderung der Hörermüdung vor wobei in bed utender Zusammenhang mit dem Alter der untersuchten Perso en festgestellt wurde. Die Anwendung on Lobeli weist keinen Einfluss auf die Hörermüdung auf. E wurd weder ei Verminderung noch eine Verkurzung der D uer der Hörermüdung festgestellt.

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and evaluate the effect of tranquillizers It would be interesting to test their influence on the fatigue in different illnesses of the receptive auditory system It would also be interesting to test the effects of other tranquillizers, tranquillizers of different chemical structures and different origins of action

The effect of tranquillizers seems to depend more on their calming action than on the somniferous one which in turn is evidenced by the relatively small influence exerted on auditory fatigue by a somniferous dose of luminal The fact that luminal affects mainly the cortex and not the reticular formation, may also be of some account here as the latter appears to have the biggest importance in the mechanism of fatigue The alleviation of fatigue can probably be explained by its calming effect on the central nervous system and ensuing restraint of the senso-motory function of cortex

Among the stimulating agents caffeine has been found most effective particularly in young people The result seems to depend on a stimulating effect of caffeine on the sensory function of the brain as well as on a certain precipitation of psychical reactions As caffeine acts in a different way than the tranquillizers, its effect on the fatigue may be viewed as paradoxical, but it is probably conditioned on the vasomotory processes in the central nervous system The milder reaction of older people should in the first place be associated with the fact that they have grown accustomed to caffeine and also with the general abatement of reactivity to administered agents observed with the progress of age

The results obtained on the administration of strychnine prove that its effect on fatigue is a minimum one Nor has there been any change detected in the threshold of hearing although according to Choróbski Dadlez, Hano and Supniewski strychnine sharpens the functions of the sense organs. However it should be emphasized that the examination involved only separate injections of small doses of strychnine the tests being performed on volunteers (doctors nurses, ward attendants) who could not be persuaded into taking the agents for a longer time On the administration of lobeline neither threshold of hearing nor auditory fatigue have been found affected The effect of this agent through sinus caroticus is minimum and short lasting The absence of changes in the auditory fatigue after administration of placebo seems to deny the supposition that a psychical disposition alone could have been of any effect on the results obtained with the pharmacological agents

CONCLUSIONS

1 A remarkable decrease in the intensity and duration of auditory fatigue has been found after atarax and meprobamate were administred independently of the age of examinees

TRANS-ORAL MAXILLECTOMY

Radical Resection without Facial Incision

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Trans-oral maxillectomy requires no facial incision and reduces deformity thereby decreasing the psychological trauma f radical surgery The duration of surgery i shortened drastically *En bloc* maxillectomy and orbital exenteration i possible Wound healing is better The survival time f 222 pati nts with ma illectomy was in estigated nd the prognosis wa found t be better i patients treated by the tra s-oral approach The operative technique can easily be learned by a yone killed in otorhinolaryngological surgery

INTRODUCTION

From the viewpoint of advancement in the treatment of maxillary malignancies the study of Öhngren (1933) should be revaluated The pathological study by Ringertz (1938) and the study on the prognosis in radical operated maxillary cancer cases by New & Cabot (193ͻ) are also worthy of n te More recently a large clinical study by Larsson & Mårtensson ppeared (19ͻ4) in which they reported 3 9 cases which were operated by electrosurgical means.

The treatment of maxillary cancer has been widely discussed and reported In general, surgical methods are cla ified into two primary categ ries comparatively conservative one utilizing electrocoagulation as described by H lmgren in 1925 and a more radical excision through an external facial incision as has long been advocated by many surgeons. Method and results of m xillectomy or upper jaw resection, through ex ternal faci l in isions ha been reported by Tabb (1937 1959) Hendrick (19ͻ8) Barbosa (1961) and Pietrant ni (1960)

I dditi n to urgery there i a general tendency to treat maxillary c n with irradiati n either before o after maxillectomy

E en xtensive tis ue removal does n t as ure a favourable prognosis in m ny cases f maxillary cancer Many outpatients in clinical practice ha exten ion of their disease far beyond ur expectations

Th hi t ry of maxillectomy may be traced back to Akoluthus in 1630 and many different facial inci ion have been advocated since Joseph Gensoul in 1820

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TABLE 3 *Initial symptoms*

Symptoms	Number of cases	
Nasal obstruction	78	31.2
Nasal bleeding	35	14.0
Toothache	32	12.8
Cheek pain	29	11.6
Cheek swelling	29	11.6
Nasal discharge	26	10.4
Temporal pain	7	2.8
Palatal swelling	5	2.0
Cheek paresthesia	3	1.2
Epiphora	2	0.8
Diplopia	1	0.4
Dull sensation in head	1	0.4
Intranasal tumor formation	1	0.4
Palatal fistula	1	0.4

TABLE 4 *Objective symptoms*

Symptoms	Number of cases	
Intranasal tumor	170	68.0
Cheek swelling	147	58.8
Choanal tumor	84	33.6
Palatal swelling or ulcer	40	16.0
Exophthalmos	30	12.0
Canine fossa tumor	24	9.6
Alveolar tumor	4	1.6
Visual disturbance	3	1.2
Oculo-motor disturbance	2	0.8
Trismus	2	0.8

author's trans-oral maxillectomy were performed in the Kurume University Hospital, and those about 40 cases were not included in the present series.

The present series of radical maxillectomies now consists of 250 cases which have been operated on during the 15-year period between 1946 and 1961. This series consists of 120 patients who had trans-oral maxillectomy and 120 patients who had the usual external facial incision. The remaining 10 cases had a radical Denker's procedure and are not included in this discussion. Therefore we feel that an impartial comparison of the two modes of treatment can be made (Table 1).

The age and sex distributions are as follows (Table 2). There were 159 males and 91 females. The peak age incidence was in the fifth decade, with the fourth and then the sixth decades being the second and third highest respectively.

The Symptoms of the Maxillary Cancer

There are no reliable early symptoms. In our series, nasal obstruction occurred in 78 cases (31.8%), epistaxis in 35 cases (14.0%), toothache in 32 cases (12.8%) and cheek pain and swelling were noted in 29 cases (11.6%) (Table 3). The most frequent objective signs were the presence of tumor in the nasal cavity in 170 cases (68.0%) and swelling of the cheek in 147 cases (58.8%) (Table 4).

Diagnosis by Means of Circus Tomography

Circus tomography as described by Matsukawa in 19[illegible] has been used to define the precise extension of the tumor. We take maxillary tomograms with seven films at 1.0 cm intervals in the frontal plane and five films at 1.0 cm intervals in the sagittal plane. The cut is very thin and free from

TABLE 1 *Number of operated cases of maxillary cancer during 1946–1961 in the Department of ORL Kyushu University*

Year	Trans-oral	Facial incision	Denker's operation	Total
1946	0	4	0	4
1947	0	9	0	0
1948	0	5	1	6
1949	0	12	1	13
1950	1	16	2	19
1951	0	1	0	10
1952	8	8	1	17
1953	7	9	1	17
1954	3	10	0	13
1955	7	12	0	19
1956	0	11	0	11
1957	14	11	0	25
1958	22	0	3	25
1959	11	0	1	12
1960	13	0	0	19
1961	28	0	0	28
Total	120	120	10	250

However most radical maxillectomies have utilized an external facial incision except the electrocoagulation method of Holmgren and the radical procedure of Denker The author's trans-oral maxillectomy was reported in 1940 and 1950 since that time trans-oral exenteration of the orbital content has also been performed in indicated cases The earlier cases of

TABLE 2 *Age and sex-distribution in cases of maxillary cancer*

Age	Number of cases	Male	Female
17	1	1	0
21–25	3	1	2
26–30	11	6	5
31–35	11	10	1
36–40	21	14	7
41–45	44	25	19
46–50	23	16	
51–55	1	30	1
56–60	35	1	11
61–65	20	1	11
66–70	18	11	7
71–75	11	8	3
77	1	1	0
Total	250	159	91
		63.6	36.4

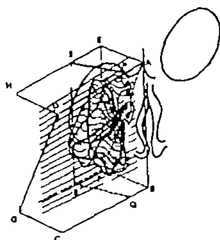


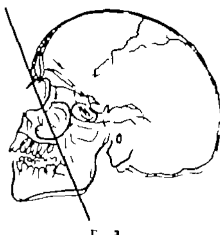
FIG. 2. Reconstructed t mor figures from tomograms.

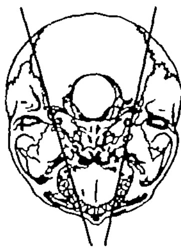
plane one can divide the front middle region of the skull into easily discerned segments the anteri r inferior block (A) the posterior superior block (P) through Öhngren s malignancy plane the medial block (m) and the lateral block (l) through the "Piriform-pterygoid plane" (Fig 5 a)

These four block of the front middle region of the skull may be used in the classification of stages of invasion (Fig 5 b) The con ponent struc tures of these maxillary blocks are as follows

Am (Anterior Inferior medial) nasal cavity palate

Al (Anterior Inferior-lateral) maxillary sinus, alveolar process and zygomatic bone





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FIG. 3. Malignancy plane (Öhngren)
FIG. 4 Piriform-pteryg id plane.

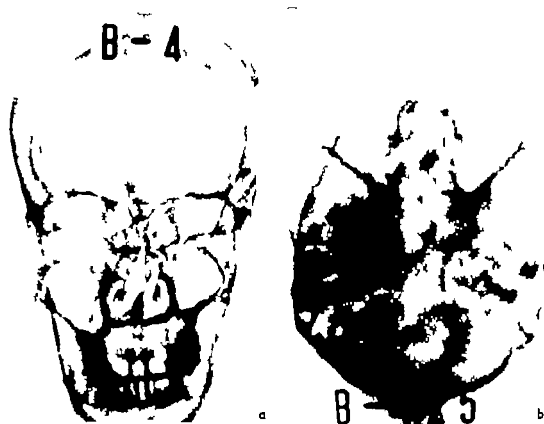


FIG 1 *a* Frontal section at 4 cm apart from ant r r facial su fa by a case f m xillary cancer of the righ t sid
FIG. 1 *b* Axial secti n t 12.5 cm apart from head surface by the same case of maxillary cancer

distortion The tomo films can better be visualized by the use of logetronography (Fig 1 *a* *b*) These tomograms form the basis for our classification of the area of invasion which will be discussed later together with reconstructed figures of the cube effect (Fig 2)

Classification of Tumor Extension by Use of Invasion area type

It would be desirable to have simple criteria for the classification of the invasion characteristics of maxillary cancers Many classifications are too detailed and complicated to be practical Ohngren s classification was founded on a simple anatomical basis however it lacks bilateral standardization (Fig 3) Ishrat Husain (1960) divided the head with vertical section through the pupil of the eye but the localizati n of the pterygopalatine fossa and the pterygoid process is not clear I should like to suggest that the principal shape of the maxilla is an inverted pyramid Since the medial wall of this bony construction is in a vertical plane I have imagined a plane and called it the "Piriform pterygoid plane It is parallel to the body axis and passes thr ugh the margin of th piriform aperture and the lateral lamina of the pterygoid process (Fig 4) This is a more satisfactory way to consider the anatomic area and by u ing this vertical

TABLE 5 *Classification of cases according to the invasion area type*

Invasion area type	Number of cases		Group	Cases in group	of group
Am	12	4 8	A	77	30.8
Al	40	16.0	(Anterior)		
Aml	25	10 0			
Pm	35	14 0	P	41	16.4
Pml	6	2.4	(Posterior)		
AmPm	12	4 8			
AlPm	84	33.6	AP	132	52.8
AlPml	10	4 0	(A terior		
AmlPm	22	8.8	Posterior)		
AmlPml	4	1.6			

when I adopted a new approach to maxillary cancer My first experiences of trans-oral *en block* maxillect my were devised by wound treatment after the maxillectomy by mean of usual faci l incision method. With further experi nce the *en bloc* exenteration of orbital contents f ll wed as a natural course in development of the technique

Method f Trans-Oral Maxillectomy

( ) P latal and alveol r incisions of th mucous membrane

The upper anteri r incisor of the affected side is removed A semicircular D-shaped inci ion is then made through the defect left by extraction of the uppe inciso tooth and is extended to th out ide of the al eol r arch and to the middle of the palate—thereby demarkating an area which includes two-third of th palate on the affected side

(b Separati n of the maxilla

The nterior bony surface of the maxilla i widely separated from over lying soft tis ue If tum r e tends through the bone anteriorly electro-urgical separation of the ti sues should be performed to p eclude the pos ibility of spreading tum r cells.

( ) Separation of contiguous bony tructures

Initially zygomatic process f the maxillary bone is freed outside its sut r line with le de electrical saw and taking care not to injure the lateral cont nts of the orbit. Then the frontal process of the maxilla is obliquely cut t wa d the median sagittal plane and separation of the palat thus performed (Fig 6)

(d) Di ection of remaining tru ture

Subperiosteal dissection of orbital ontents is now carefully performed with a curved elevat r Posteri r separation of the maxilla is f cilitated

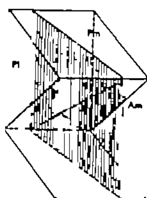


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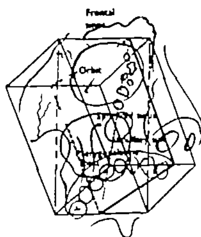


FIG 5b

FIG 5 Invasion area type ( ) Fundamental divi i n of the invasi n area type [] Ma lignancy plane (Öhngren). [] Piriform-pterygoid plane (b) Paranasal sinuses projected int invasion area types.

Pm (Posterior Superior medial) frontal sinus, ethmoid sinus, sphenoid sinus, pterygopalatine fossa

Pl (Posterior-Superior lateral) maxillary tuber infratemporal fossa, orbita

Classification of the 2 0 cases of maxillary cancer according to this system yielded the following results (Table 5)

The majority of these cases were found at radical operation to be in the extensively infiltrated combined anterior posterior group

The Operative Procedure of Trans Oral Maxillectomy

It has been generally accepted that the results of surgical treatment of malignancies of the upper jaw are poorer than that of laryngeal cancer One of the obvious reasons for the relatively g od prognosis in cases of laryngeal cancer is that the larynx is contained within a cartilagenous hard shell which restricts extension of the tumor It should thus follow that the bony barrier to the extension of maxillary cancer would be even more efficient However this is not so and the majority of our cases were found to be far advanced when they came to our clinic Thi fact may be ne of the key points in the probl m to be ettled

Many people feel that pr phylactic exent ration f the orbital contents improves the prognosis however scrutiny f our r ults dem nstrates many long term survivals among patient in wh m rbital exenteration was not done

Today almost all surgeons use the traditi nal facial incisi ns for maxil lectomy Most of these methods closely resemble each ther and are based on the common principle of excision of anterior faci l soft ti sue My initial experience was also with such methods until after W rld War II

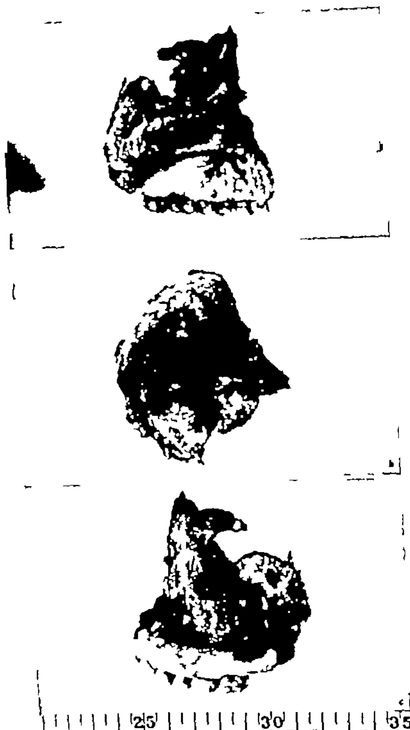


Fig. 7 Resected ma ill f the left ide ( ) Viewed from medial (b) Seen from abo ( ) Viewed from lateral



Fig 6 Separation of palate

by the use of a trowel like elevator or similar shaped chisel Thus, even the firm bony union with the pterygoid process can easily be separated

The preceding maneuvers will allow considerable mobility of the maxilla The lateral wall of the affected nasal cavity should be cut at the level of the middle turbinate attachment

(e) *Removal of maxilla*

By applying pressure the maxillary body is pushed inferiorly and laterally It is grasped with large forceps dissected free of surrounding muscles, and removed *en bloc* Through débridement of remaining shredded soft tissue is now accomplished with large mucous membrane cutting forceps If invasion of the pterygoid muscles is noted they must be completely resected Cleaning of the pterygopalatine groove is particularly important The superior portion of th lateral nasal cavity including ethmoid and sphenoid cells should be opened

The above-mentioned structures, excepting radical neck dissection can also be removed *trans-orally but I prefer to say th eye ball if possible* (Fig 7)

After local cleansing with Tespamin solution (anti-cancer drug) and penicillin solution the cavity is tightly packed with a rubber bag containing alginate hydrocolloidal paste in order to prevent facial retraction and wound shrinkage

Table 6 *Recurrent cases of maxillary cancer classified according to the type of operative procedure*

	Operative procedures of maxillectomy											
	Trans-oral			Facial incision			Denker					
Invasion area type	Total	Recurrence		Total	Recurrence		Total	Recurrence		Total	Recurrence	
Am	6	2	33.3	0	0		5	1	20.0	11	3	27.2
Al	19	8	42.1	15	4	26.6	1	0		35	12	34.3
Aml	9	4	44.4	15	8	53.3	1	0		25	12	48.0
Pm	22	13	59.0	10	7	70.0	2	2	100.0	34	22	64.7
Pml	3	3	100.0	2	0		0	0		5	3	60.0
AmPm	3	2	66.6	7	4	57.1	1	0		11	6	54.5
AlPm	17	10	58.8	57	31	54.3	0	0		74	41	55.4
AlPml	5	1	20.0	3	1	33.3	0	0		8	2	25.0
AmlPm	8	5	62.5	10	8	80.0	0	0		18	13	72.2
AmlPml	0	0		1	1	100.0	0	0		1	1	100.0
Total	93	48	52.1	120	64	53.3	10	3	30.0	222	115	51.8

18.0% within 4–6 months, only 14.0% from 6–12 months. Therefore, careful monitoring of the wound is especially important in the first three post operative months.

Patients with trans-oral maxillectomy had a recurrence rate of 52.1% and those with standard facial incisions had a recurrence rate of 53.3% —an insignificant difference.

The recurrence rate in patients who had a Denker's operation was 30%. These however cannot be compared to the others because they are a

Table 7 *Relationship between histological types and prognosis*

Histol type / Prognosis		Squamous cell carcinoma: Cornified	Squamous cell carcinoma: Non cornified	Basal cell carcinoma	Transitional cell carcinoma	Carcinoma simplex	Adeno-carcinoma	Total
Within 1 year	Live	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
	Death	9	4	1	0	3	0	17
1–3 years	Live	3	4	0	0	1	1	9
	Death	3	5	0	0	4	1	13
3–5 years	Live	0	6	1	1	1	0	9
	Death	1	1	1	0	0	0	3
Over 5 years	Live	4	3	0	1	0	2	10
	Death	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Total		23	23	3	3	9	4	65



Fig. 8. Epithelized wound cavity after the trans-oral maxillectomy.

(f) Post-operative treatment

After local cleansing and packing of the wound cavity a previously prepared temporary dental plastic pélote is inserted. This protects the wound from contamination and from food particles during meals. The permanent palato-dental prosthesis should be applied after about 3 months when the epithelization of the wound surface is completed (Fig. 8).

Pre- and Post-Operative Irradiation

In our earlier cases irradiation was limited to the post-operative application of radium in fractionated doses with a total dose of 4000 mg h. Later we used radium needles (3 mg × 1) in three fractions of one week each arranged against the anterior, posterior and lateral sides of the wound for a total dose of 5400 mg h. The present method of irradiation consists of the pre-operative use of tele ^{60}Co mainly through pendulum irradiation. Total dosage amounts to 3000 rad. The present post-operative irradiation for such pre-operatively irradiated cases is added ^{60}Co 3000 to 4000 rad.

Prognosis

Evaluation of 222 patients one year after radical maxillectomy revealed local recurrence in 115 (51.8%). This was a worse result than we expected. 72.1% of these recurrences were noted within 3 months after surgery.

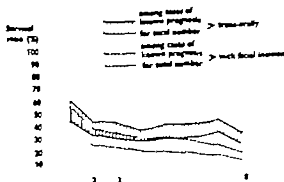


Fig. 9 Survi l ratios f the surgically perated cases f maxillary cancer t the Oto-laryngological Department of Ky h U i ersity duri g 1946–1960

It wa apparent that cornification of cells in squamous cell carcinoma does not significantly influence progn i It could clearly be noted however that a better prognosis can be offered in cases of transitional cell carcinoma, basal cell carcin ma, and adenocarcinoma

It is generally conceded that lymphnode metasta is from maxillary can cer is relatively uncommon In our series of 250 cases we found only 71 (27.2%) with palpable submandibular or cervical lymphnodes.

Meticul us histol gical examinati n of 20 specimens removed at radical neck di section revealed positive lymphnodes in only three cases (11.5%)

F r several decades many surgeons have endeavoured to improve the treatment of maxillary cancer Through their eff rts it has become apparent that the most effective treatment is the appropriate combination of irradiati n and urgical excisi n It therefore occurred t us that further inf rmation might be gained by the parallel employment of two different surgical methods, used impartially and compared stringently

The survi al rate of urgically treated cases has been clas ified accord ing t type of procedure employed (Table 8) The one year survival rate for patient with the trans-oral procedure was 60 1% compared to 55.8 in pati nt with tandard facial inci ions. After two years the rate is 42 4% f r trans-oral cases and 37.5% for those with facial inci ion and afte three years was 40.8% nd 25.2% respectively The five-year urvival rat i 39 1 to 29.0 in favor of the trans-oral procedure. With further elapsed time the difference increases, e.g after seven years it is 42.1% and 22.5% in favo of the trans-oral method (Fig 9)

DISCUSSION

I have lready referred to the fact that one can get the same wide exci-si n f tis ue through the trans-oral approach that is possible through anterior faci l incisions. The superiority of thi mode of treatment is verified by the improved prognosi after its use In pite of an often pes-simi tic outlook, it ha long been noted that many patients can be saved

TABLE 8 *Prognosis of the operated cases of maxillary cancer in our Department during 1946–1961 according to operative procedure*

Survival rate ( )

Elapsed year after operation	Operative procedure	Total number	Known prognosis	Number of survival	For total number	Among cases of known prognosis
1	Trans-oral	92	0	11	11.5	60 1
	Facial incision	120	7	13	35.8	53 8
	Denker	10	5	1		80 0
2	Trans-oral	79	59	25	31 [illegible]	42 1
	Facial incision	114	72	27	23.	[illegible] .5
	Denker	10	5	2		10 0
3	Trans-oral	68	49	20	29 4	40.8
	Facial incision	111	72	21	21 0	33.3
	Denker	9	4	1		[illegible]0
4	Trans-oral	46	34	12	26.0	35.3
	Facial incision	114	72	21	18 4	29.1
	Denker	6		1		50.0
5	Trans-oral	32	23	9	28 1	39 1
	Facial incision	103	62	18	17.3	29 0
	Denker	6	2	1		50 0
6	Trans-oral	32	23	9	28.1	39 1
	Facial incision	89	53	14	15	26 4
	Denker	6	2	1		50 0
7	Trans-oral	25	19	8	32.0	42 1
	Facial incision	77	49	11	14 2	22.5
	Denker	0	2	1		50 0
8	Trans-oral	22	16	5	22.	31.3
	Facial incision	67	43	7	10 4	16.3
	Denker	0	2	1		50 0

unique and highly selected group and because their number is too small for statistical comparison

Classification of invasion area type was as follows for 11[illegible] cases The AIPm group (*Anterior Inferior lateral Posterior Superior medial*) comprised the largest number with a total of 41 cases The Pm group (Posterior Superior medial) was next largest with 22 cases (Table 9) The prognosis is quite different for those patients who had orbital exenteration as opposed to those who did not The mortality for those patients in whom it was necessary to evacuate the orbit was 80 8 compared to [illegible]2 7 for patients in whom the orbit was saved

Histopathological re-examination *was done on 6[illegible] specimen from patients* in whom the end results were known The findings were divided into four groups according to duration of survival after treatment Consequently

EOSINOPHILIC PAPILLARY CYSTADENOMA OF THE LARYNX

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A case of eosinophilic papillary cystaden ma f the larynx i reported. Its similarity t the salivary gland tumour papillary cystadenoma lymphomatosum (Warthin tumour) syn. den lymph ma, is poi ted out. The reported cases of eosinophilic glandular tumours of th larynx re reviewed the nomenclature is ll ted, and the justification of distinguishing them from n-eosin philic glandular tumours f the lary is discu sed. The occurrence f cocytes i th normal laryngeal m cosa a d in the eosinophili tumours f the laryn is mentioned

Benign glandular tumours of the larynx, taken to mean adenomas, cystadenomas, and papillary cystadenomas are extremely rare So far only about 30 cases are on record, and of these 10 contained eosinophilic glandular epithelium Non-eosinophilic glandular tum urs of the larynx have been described by Moore (1920) Howarth & Chamings (1934) New & Erl h (1938) Figi, Rowland & New (1944) Ranger & Thackray (1953) and Stew rt (1960) Table 1 lists authors who have described the eosinophilic tumours and the n menclature which they ha e used According t thi nomenclature there seems to be a question of a fairly heterogeneous m ture f tum urs, but all the cases may be assigned to one of the groups aden ma, cystadenoma, or papillary cystaden ma, and all have contained eosinophili glandular epithelium In Heinz' case the tumour contained lymphoid ti u and is designated as an aden lymphoma. Thi is identical w th papillary cystadenoma lymphomatosum or Warthin s tumour which ha n t been f und in the larynx, neither before nor after In th 2 cases f Pinkert n & Beck the tumours are described histologically as papillary cy tadenomas. Thi i the justification for including them here, although the head ng of their paper says cyst In Møller and Ørntoft s case the tum ur w built up f gl ndular formation

In 8 f the 10 cases mention l mad of typical oncocytes in the tumours, replacing the n rmal glandular epith lium partially o entirely while in 2 ses ncocytes a n t mentioned (in Heinz' and Kuhn s cases) Oncocytes are large epithelial cell having eosinophilic granules in the cytopl m nd m ll pyknotic nuclei The cells vary in appearance, resembli g th rg n n which they ar f und. The word onkos i the Greek for h lky wollen nd the designation wa introduced by Hamperl in 1931 Th cell w re first described by Schaffer in 1897 but did not have

through the proper use of surgery and irradiation It is of course true that an extensive tissue loss does not guarantee cure

Even with radical surgery I have always felt that preservation of orbital contents is desirable unless extirpation is clearly indicated by invasion of tissue in that area

I am of the opinion that the combined use of irradiation and surgery is superior to either alone This series had post-operative irradiation The results of pre-operative irradiation will become apparent after further observation

ZUSAMMENFASSUNG

Die transorale Maxillektomie erfordert keine Gesichtshautschnittführung und bereitet darum keine Sorgen über postoperative Deformitäten Also erleiden die Patienten fast keine psychische Einflüsse Die Oprationszeit wird bedeutend verkürzt Natürlich kann man damit immer en bloc Oberkieferresektion und auch gleichzeitige Orbitaexenteration ausführen Die Wundenheilung nach der Operation verläuft schnell und sehr günstig Die Fünfjahresüberlebensrate bei den Fällen mit transoraler Methode war 10% höher als dieselbe bei den Fällen mit transkutaner Methode Die otorhinolaryngologische Technik könnte wohl für diese transorale Methode besonders geeignet sein

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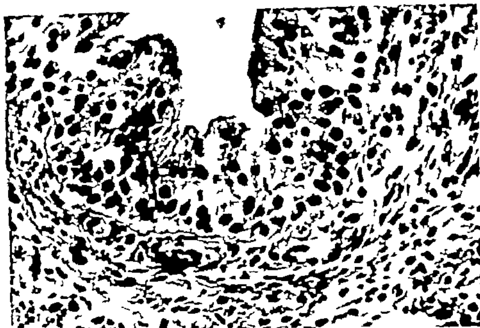


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M llie & Ros l (1951) also studying the laryngeal mucosa in a post mortem series, f und the number of oncocytes n the glandular epithelium t increase with ad ancing age. In some of the old persons all glandular epithelial cells were replaced by oncocytes. No oncocytes were found be- f puberty.

Gl ndular yst of the larynx are far more comm n than glandular l yngeal tumours. For instance among 722 benign tumours of the larynx N w & Erich 1938) found 33 glandular cysts, but only one glandular tumou an adenom. With some justificati n the glandular cysts may be ncluded among the glandular tumours, a both have arisen primarily in laryngeal gland. Indeed, eo inophilic glandular cyst of the larynx have been reported —a t tal of 3. The first case was described by Nohteri n 1946. The other two were imple retention cyst lined with a simple lumna cystic epithelium composed of oncocytes (Pinkerton & Beck, 1961.

Present Case

A l year-old married watchmaker was dmitted in a acute stat of stridor. During the past 10 years he had been suffering from recurre t attacks f



FIG 1 Th wall of tl cystl tumou Are with a fal ly l w ft n d uble-row pith lium On th l ft a vstic cavit with a taller tratified pithelium Stai ing: Haematoxylin-eosin

a name until 1927 when Zimmermann suggested that they be called pyknocytes because of the pyknotic nucleus These cells have been found in a large number of organs but Nohteri (1946) was the first to find them in the larynx Nohteri made a post mortem study of the laryngeal mucosa in 37 persons aged 0–86 years, 24 being 52 years or over He found oncocytes in 8 all aged 52–86 including 4 over 70 The 37 persons repre-

TABLE 1

Author	Year	Di gnosi
Som M L and Peimer R	1949	Oncocytic cy taden ma f the l ryn
Heinz, I	1951	Aden lymphoma f th la n
Vosteen K. H	1958	Da oncocyt re Aden m des Kehlk pfes
Ellis, M	1960	Aden ma f th la
Pinkerton P H and Beck, J S	1961	Eosinoph l granula cell (ocyti) cy t f the lary
Heath, D	1961	Eo i ph l gran la ll t d ma f the laryn
Kuhn, A. J	1961	C stadenoma of the l ry
Capo O A.	1965	O philicadenom (ncocyt m) f th larynx
Moller J., and Orntoft, I	1965	Lary g al oncocyt ma



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Mollie & Rossi (1951) also tudying th laryngeal mucosa in a post mortem series, found the number of ncocytes in the gl ndular epithelium t increase with ad ancing age In some of the old persons all glandular epithelial cells were replaced by oncocytes No oncocytes were found before puberty

Glandular cysts of the larynx are far more common than glandular laryngeal tumours For instance amo g 722 benign tumours of the larynx New & Erich (1938) f und 33 glandular cyst but only one glandular tumou n aden ma. With some justific tion the glandular cysts may be included among the glandular tumours, a both have ari en primarily in a laryngeal gland. Indeed, eosin philic glandular cysts of the larynx ha e been reported—a total of 3 The first case was described by Nohteri in 1946 The the two we e simple ret nti n cysts lined with a simple columnar cy tic epitheli m composed of oncocytes (Pinkerton & Beck, 1961

Present Cas

A 1 year-old married w tchmaker wa admitted in ent state f tridor During the past 10 years h had been sufferi g from recurrent ttacks of

tonsillitis without laryngeal complications, in particular without hoarseness. One month prior to admission he had developed total aphonia in one day. During the preceding days he had been spraying and painting with cellulose varnish. In the course of some days he developed pain on swallowing and 4 days after the onset of symptoms elevation of temperature to 38.4 C. The temperature had yielded to penicillin for 5 days and his voice was slowly returning, but slight hoarseness persisted until 4 days before admission when the patient caught a cold and then in a few hours, he had lost his voice again. Two days before admission he began running a low-grade fever and on the day before admission his respiration became increasingly stridulous. During the 12 hours prior to admission there had been stridor and cyanosis on the very slightest exertion. The patient had only taken a liquid diet during the past 4 days. Smoking habits 10 cigarettes a day for the past 30 years.

Physical examination revealed total aphonia and mild inspiratory stridor but no cyanosis at rest. Indirect laryngoscopy: the left true cord was completely obscured by a red shiny mucosa-lined well-defined round tumour which appeared to issue from the left false cord. Upon intonation the tumour dipped down into the subglottic space and during this procedure it was seen to be rather larger than a pea and pedunculated. No abnormalities of the vocal cords, the aryepiglottic fold or epiglottis. No peripheral adenitis. Under general anaesthesia a direct laryngoscopy with excision was done. The tumour was removed *in toto* with forceps. During this procedure it ruptured and a few drops of yellow secretion were evacuated from its base.

There were no postoperative complications and the patient was discharged on the 5th day. At that time his voice was almost normal and the only abnormal laryngoscopic finding was a little reddening anteriorly on the left false cord.

During his stay in hospital bilateral nephrolithiasis and mild diabetes mellitus were diagnosed. The thyroid gland was normal to palpation and the serum calcium was 9.1 mg/100 ml. Haemoglobin 10_%. E.S.R. 10 mm/hour, white cell and differential counts normal.

At a follow-up admission 2 months later his voice was normal and no abnormalities were found on laryngoscopy or on tomography of the larynx.

Microscopically the tumour consisted of a fairly large folded somewhat branched cavity lined predominantly with a double row of columnar cells. In a few places the epithelium had proliferated and become stratified. The cavity contained a deeply indented structure lined with epithelium of the same kind. There was fairly marked eosinophilia of the cystic and papillary epithelium. The nuclei were in many sites small and pyknotic. Where the epithelium was distinctly made up of a double row, the nuclei were situated basally in the luminal row of cells. *The pedicle of the papilloma was delicately branched* consisting of loose collagen connective tissue. Outside the cystic cavity there were a few glandular components lined with the same type of epithelium but with more pronounced proliferation. The cells were partly columnar and partly polygonal with the nuclei situated centrally and in some places with a finely granular cytoplasm. The entire prominence was the seat of rather severe inflammation with granulocyte and round cell infiltration, in places with the formation of small abscesses. There were only a few and scattered lymphocytes and no lymphoid tissue. No histological criteria of malignancy. The tumour was composed as a papillary cystadenoma lymphomatosum (Warthin's tumour)



Fig. 1. Glandular epithelium i higher magnification. The l minal cell contain eosinophilic granules.

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DISCUSSION

It is evident from the histological description of the present case that the tumou was built up as a papillary cystadenoma and may therefore be cla sified as a glandular tumour of the larynx. It differs from a simple retention cyst in ha ing an epithelium with papillary excrescences, while in a lenti n y t it is usually simple and often flattened The areas of glandular prolif ration just outside the cystic wall are not seen in reten tion cyst which are in most cases unilocular and surrounded with normal gla dular ini and excret ry ducts Since, as already mentioned, 3 cases of eosin philic ret nti n cysts are on record th eosinophilia of the present tum ur cannot be used as a differential diagnostic criterion again t a retention cyst

Th d fferential diagnosis from laryngopyocele ought to be mentioned, a n th course of th exci l n a few drops of yellow secretion, which m ght be p s, we e seen at its base and a the hi tological examination showed m ll abscesses. However considerably larger quantities of pus, nd palpabl welling on the neck (Glatz, 1901) mu t be demanded for a diagnosi f a full-blown laryngopyocele

As far as the eosinophilic cells are concerned, some must be assumed to be typical oncocytes, but this does not by any means apply to them all. This finding accords very well with those of some previous authors. There are several concise descriptions of an even transition, in the same preparation, from normal epithelial cells without eosinophilia, by way of epithelial cells without eosinophilia, by way of epithelial cells with slight eosinophilia and finely granular cytoplasm, to typical oncocytes with marked eosinophilia, coarse granules, pyknotic nuclei, and swollen cytoplasm. The shape of the oncocytes in the reported cases ranges from flattened by way of polygonal to tall columnar. According to some authors the nuclei are central, while others have reported eccentric nuclei, usually at the luminal end of the columnar cells. In some cases the cell limits are stated to be distinct, while in others they are reported to be ill-defined.

According to what has been stated above it would seem to the author that the eosinophilic cells, including the "typical" oncocytes, are in many cases so polymorphous that it is impossible to decide with certainty whether the eosinophilic cells are variants of the "typical" oncocytes, "immature" oncocytes, or entirely unrelated to oncocytes.

The problem is known from the parotid tumour papillary cystadenoma lymphomatosum (Warthin's tumour). This tumour is built up exactly like the above-mentioned papillary cystadenomas, including the present case, except for the fact that the parotid tumour includes lymphoid tissue. This was pointed out by Kuhn in 1961. In Warthin's tumour there is a columnar epithelium consisting of eosinophilic cells, usually arranged in two rows, and there has been a great deal of discussion as to whether these cells have anything to do with oncocytes. Eneroth (1964), among others, has called attention to the similarity between oncocytes and the cells in Warthin's tumour, especially those of the inner row, in sites where the epithelium is distinctly arranged in two rows. In 1962 Cläser definitely demonstrated oncocytic structures in Warthin's tumour, and Lehnhardt & Fischer in 1961 found typical oncocytes among the eosinophilic cells in Warthin's tumour.

Jaffé (1932) introduced the term oncocytoma for the parotid tumour papillary cystadenoma lymphomatosum, but to-day most authors (Ackermann 1943, Hevenor & Clark 1950, Cläser 1962, Hantschmann & Jaquet 1963, Eneroth 1964) agree with Hamperl who in 1962 clearly pointed out that the term parotid oncocytoma was to be reserved for a tumour which is exclusively or predominantly made up of oncocytes. The present author suggests that in analogy the term laryngeal oncocytoma be reserved for a tumour which is made up exclusively or predominantly of oncocytes.

As mentioned above, Nohteri (1946), in a randomly selected post mortem series, found oncocytes in the larynx of one-third of all persons over 52 years of age and in none under 52. It is remarkable also that all 11 cases of eosinophilic laryngeal tumours, *including the present case, have oc-*

curred in patients over 50. The non-eosinophilic glandular tumours are found in patients who are on the average somewhat younger.

The symptoms and signs of the eosinophilic tumours do not permit a distinction of eosinophilic from non-eosinophilic, as hoarseness is the sign which is most commonly found, and hoarseness is present in 95% of all benign tumours of the larynx (New & Erich, 1938).

In their sites of predilection the eosinophilic tumours also do not differ from the other glandular tumours. They occur where the concentration of sero-mucous glands is at a maximum, viz. in the ventricles and around the false and true cords.

Data concerning surgical procedures and follow up studies are sparse but in one case there was a definite recurrence (Som & Pelmer 1949). Six weeks after the removal of the tumour the larynx was almost packed with tumour masses. These masses had to be removed by laryngofissure and there was no further recurrence for 18 months. In Heath's case a non-eosinophilic cystadenoma had been removed 17 months before the removal of the eosinophilic cystadenoma.

CONCLUSION

The nomenclature relating to the benign glandular tumours of the larynx, especially of the eosinophilic ones, is very heterogeneous, but so far it has been possible to classify all cases in one of the groups adenoma, cystadenoma, papillary cystadenoma. In the present author's opinion this nomenclature is applicable. It may then be supplemented by "eosinophilic" "oncocytic" or "lymphomatosum" according to whether the glandular epithelium is eosinophilic, particularly rich in oncocytes, or the tumour contains lymphoid tissue. The number of reported cases is still too small for a decision as to whether it is justified to distinguish the group eosinophilic glandular tumours of the larynx as a separate entity, in particular whether it is justified to distinguish it from the other glandular tumours.

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Ein Fall eines eosinophilen papillären Zystadenoms im Larynx wird besprochen. Die Ähnlichkeit mit dem Speicheldrüsentumor d.h. dem papillären Zystadenolymphom (Warthin) oder Adenolymphom, ist erwähnt. Bisher veröffentlichte Fälle der eosinophilen glandulären Larynxtumoren sind zusammengefasst, die verschiedenen Nomenklaturen sind genannt und die Berechtigung der Trennung von den nichteosinophilen Larynxtumoren wird diskutiert. Über das Vorkommen der Onkozyten in der normalen Larynxmucosa sowie in eosinophilen Larynxtumoren wird berichtet.

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PATHOLOGICAL AND FUNCTIONAL CHANGES FOLLOWING HEMISECTION OF THE LATERAL AMPULLARY NERVE

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An attempt was made to section the canalicular branch of the lateral ampullary nerve in the cat. In successful cases the section was associated with degeneration of both sensory and marginal epithelium and the stroma. The animals showed signs of an acute vestibular disorder consisting of disequilibrium, spontaneous nystagmus toward the unoperated ear, type III positional nystagmus, perverted nystagmus in response to caloric irrigation on the operated side and a directional preponderance toward the unoperated ear during optokinetic, caloric and rotatory tests. Section of superior and/or lateral ampullary nerves to a certain extent mimicked the clinical signs of a labyrinthectomy. The clinical implication of the vestibular disorder associated with damage localized to the crista ampullaris is discussed.

The fibers innervating the sensory epithelium of the crista ampullaris form two branches, one from the canalicular side and the other from the utricular side (Ramón y Cajal, 1909–1911; Lorente de Nó, 1926). Classed on the basis of diameter, three types of nerve fibers may be found in each branch. The large size innervates three to five hair cells at the summit of the sensory epithelium. Within the crista there are no large fibers crossing either from the utricular to the canalicular side or vice-versa. The middle size fiber is predominantly found in the lateral parts innervating many cells. These fibers present numerous collaterals forming an intra-epithelial plexus on each side of the crista. Apparently there is no crossing of fibers or collaterals from one side to the other. The smallest fiber is found at the base of the sensory epithelium innervating numerous hair cells. Its collaterals form another intra-epithelial plexus extending along the base and interconnecting the sensory cells of both sides. The interconnection takes place in the lateral areas of the crista. The nerve endings of the crossed collaterals is unknown. The functional significance of this distribution of nerve fibers in the crista is a matter of speculation.

The question was raised whether changes in vestibular reflexes could be associated with section of either the canalicular or utricular branch of an ampullary nerve. For this purpose the lateral ampullary nerve of

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the cat could be suitable because the fibers emerging from either the canicular or utricular side are distinctly separated and suitable for independent sectioning

The purpose of the experiment reported here was to study the changes in vestibular reflexes associated with section of either the canalicular or utricular branch of the lateral ampullary nerve in the cat It was assumed that the hemisection for instance sectioning the utricular branch would result in degeneration of all its fibers including the collaterals crossing to the canalicular side If the operation produced no alteration of the vascular supply then all the sensory epithelium the innervation of the canalicular side including its crossed collaterals, and the stroma of the crista would be preserved A successful preparation could be of some importance for the understanding of the neural mechanism underlying the reflexes elicited by stimulation of the horizontal semicircular canal For comparison purposes, other vestibular lesions were included in the design of the experiment that is, complete section of either the lateral or superior ampullary nerves and complete section of both

METHODS

Preparation and testing

Healthy adult cats between 2 and 4 kg were anesthetized with intraperitoneal Pentobarbital Sodium (Diabutal 60 mg/ml) using a dosage of 0 6 ml/kg body weight The ears were examined with the Zeiss operating microscope and animals with infected external auditory canals or abnormal tympanic membranes were rejected For the recording of eye movements button electrodes were inserted in the malar bones and the glabella The upper canines were drilled close to the gingival margin for the insertion of a wire in order to fix the head in the testing box as described by Henriksson Fernández & Kohut (1961) All general anesthetics were covered with an intramuscular injection of Bicillin (1 2 million units)

After the elapse of at least one week each animal was tested according to the procedure used throughout the experiment Posture locomotion hopping placing and jumping were observed righting reflexes with and without vision during free fall were tested and muscle tonus assessed The animal was then securely fixed in the testing box and eye movements in erect, right lateral supine and left lateral positions were directly observed and simultaneously recorded on an electronystagmograph The test was then repeated with the animal in total darkness The positional nystagmus resulting from these tests were classified according to the nomenclature proposed by Nylén (1950) Optokinetic responses were tested by projecting on a concave screen a film of alternate black and white lines moving at a speed of 24 degrees For the rotatory test the animal was positioned on the rotating platform so that the horizontal canal was in the horizontal plane The platform was accelerated at 25 degrees until it

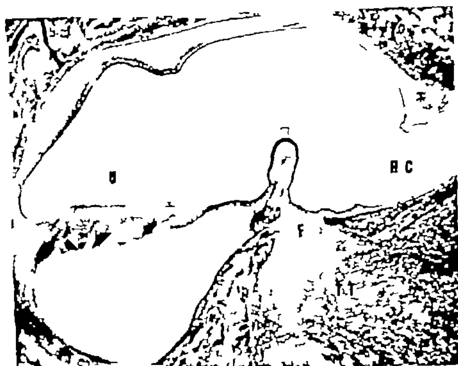


Fig. 1 Phot micrograph showing the fenestra for pproaching the horizontal mpullary nerv *U* utriculus *HC*, horizontal semicircular canal *F* fenestration t the lev l f the lateral mpullary nerve *TT* tensor tympani. Marker 1.6 mm. Hemat ylin-eosin st in.

reached an angular velocity of 180 degrees/sec. This velocity was main tained for 80 seconds and then the platform was decelerated at 25 degrees/sec[2] Rotation was perf rmed in clockwise and counterclockwise directions. The caloric test wa done with the animal placed on a stand arranged so that the horizontal canal was in the vertical plane ampulla uppermost. The ears were irrigated with thermostatically controlled water at 28 and 48 C, 5 C being used when the responses were equivocal Irrigation was for a period of f rty seconds and the lights were switched off immediately upon the termination of irrigation all eye mo ements were recorded with the animal in t tal darkness. Any nimal with a preoperative abnormal response wa excluded from the experiment.

Surgical t chniq e

The approach for section of the ampullary nerve was a modification of th t described by Fernández, Alzat & Lindsay (1959) Under Diabutal anesthesia and with strict asepsis, a upramental approach was made and th uter attic wall drilled down. Th incus and head of the malleu were rem ved nd the tenso tympani freed and displaced into the hypotym panum. From this stage nwards the operative lte was continuously ir

rigated with mammalian Ringer's solution The tympanic portion of the facial nerve was exposed and sectioned to facilitate the approach A fenestra was created between the ampullae of the horizontal and superior canals thus exposing the corresponding ampullary nerves and visualizing the canalicular and utricular branches of the horizontal nerve For surgical access to the superior ampullary nerve the fenestra was enlarged anteriorly and superiorly in order to fully expose that structure Section and/or hemisection was performed with a fine needle the tensor tympani swung over to occlude the fenestra and the incision closed in layers The microscopic appearance of the fenestra after 15 days is shown in Fig 1

The animals were examined clinically and positional testing performed on alternate postoperative days In addition optokinetic, rotatory and caloric tests were carried out on the fifth day postoperatively and, thereafter at intervals of approximately ten days until the animals were sacrificed This interval was chosen in order to diminish or avoid habituation of responses Most animals were sacrificed between the fifteenth and twenty fifth days, but a few were observed for one week or less and a similar number kept for varying periods up to the fiftieth postoperative day

The animals were perfused by the standard intravital method of fixation 10% formalin being used in a few and Heidenhein Susa in the majority The hind brain and temporal bones were removed in one block and prepared for histology Serial sections were stained with Hematoxylin eosin Mallory and Weil techniques In four animals, counts of the hair-cell population of the horizontal crista were made in order to assess the extent and distribution of the lesion In these animals all sections containing the horizontal crista were stained and counts made independently of the canalicular and utricular slopes Each section was counted four times by one of the authors and the average of the results taken The hair-cell populations were then expressed as a total of the numbers thus obtained For purposes of comparison this procedure was repeated in two unoperated horizontal cristae This method of counting is inaccurate in that one cell may appear in consecutive sections and thus be counted twice The result obtained can therefore be regarded as only an approximation but this does not affect the comparative value of the method

RESULTS

Thirty three animals were operated on but three died within the first two postoperative days In the remaining thirty the following operation were performed controls, section of lateral ampullary nerve section of superior ampullary nerve combined section of lateral and superior ampullary nerves, and hemisection of the lateral ampullary nerve Early in the course of the experiment it became evident that there was variability in the behaviour and responses of animals with supposedly identical lesion Subsequent histological examination confirmed that the extent of the

damage produced was in many cases greater than had been intended, particularly so in the group of attempted hemisections. Thirteen of the thirty were found to have either partial lesions of both the horizontal and superior cristae of varying degrees or else massive middle ear infections with resultant clinical deterioration. These animals were therefore excluded from the reported results and only those with well-defined lesions will be described (1 cases)

A *Control*

The controls (4 animals) are animals in which a labyrinthine fenestration was performed as described above but the ampullary nerves were not damaged surgically Clinical evidence of a slight disorder of equilibrium (disturbances of posture and locomotion) was observed for three days following surgery One animal exhibited spontaneous nystagmus toward the unoperated ear on the first postoperative day probably due to incomplete recovery from anesthesia. No spontaneous nystagmus was detected in the other three animals A mild irregular positional nystagmus was recorded for a few days in three cats The optokinetic, rotatory and caloric responses revealed no abnormality The histological picture of the vestibular receptors in the operated ide was indistinguishable from that of the un operated ear

B *Sections*

Section of lateral ampullar nerve (three animals)

The animals presented clinical signs of unilateral vestibular disorder consisting of disequilibrium, spontaneous and positional nystagmus, and canal paralysis of the operated ear The disturbance of equilibrium wa hown by an unsteady gait, asymmetric posture of the head, and lateral pulsi n toward the operated ide These disturbances improved progressively so that at about the twentieth day little abnormality could be detected The righting during free fall, however did not recover to that f the skillful turning of the normal cat A spontaneous nystagmus toward the unoperated ear was seen for about three days but it was re corded in t tal darkness until the tenth to fifteenth postoperative day When the animal was placed in the supine position or with the unoperated ear und rm t, the nystagmus exhibited a rotatory component and its rhythm beca e faster irregular or fibrillatory distress was shown by vocalizati n and truggling After disappearance of the pontaneous nystag mus, the postural test still produced direction fixed positional nystagmus which ubsided progres l ly until complete disappearance within a few more days.

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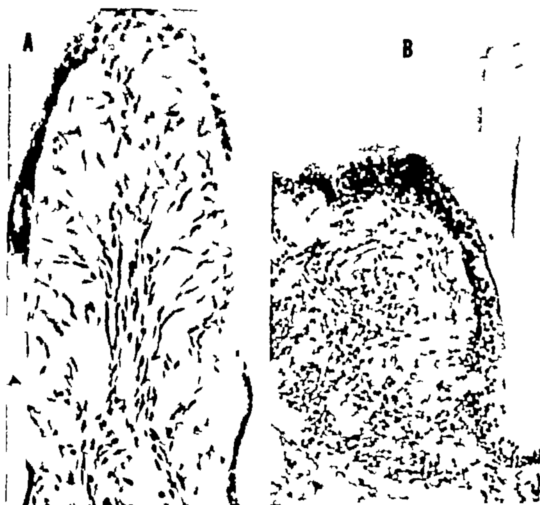


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Section of superior ampullary nerve (one animal)

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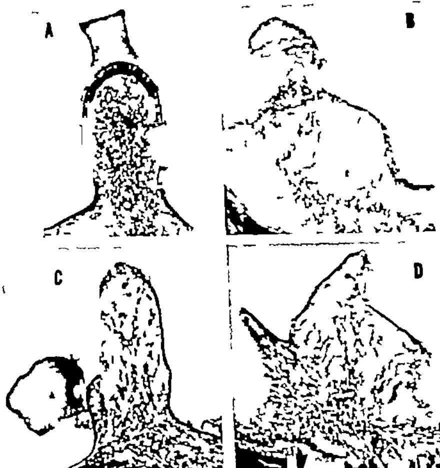


Fig. 3. Section of superior ampullary nerves associated with necrosis of the crista sho B, and slight cell degeneration of sensory epithelium of crista ampullaris lateralis how. 1 A Complete section of both horizontal and superior ampullary nerves resulted in necrosis of corresponding ampullae how. 1 C and D Notice detachment of cupula 1 C M rker 250 Hem t xyl n-eosin stain.

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F g 3 C nd 3 D dem n trate necrosi of both cristae after sectioning their respecti e nerves. The necrosi involved both sensory and basal pith lium d troma. No pathological changes were found in other estibular receptors. This group exhibited persistent sign of unilateral labyrinthine los t the twenty fifth postoperati e day There was slight



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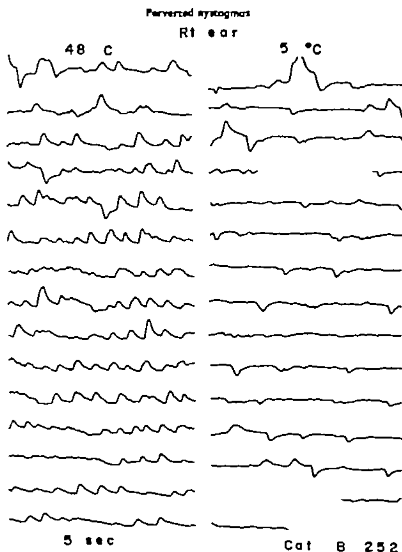


Fig. 3. Perverted ystagmu licited by irrigation of right ea with water t 48 and 5 C. I thi nd followi g lectronystagmographs the records must be read continuous record g from top t bottom nd from nd of irrigation (40 seconds) ntil nystagm d sappeared.

clini al di turbance f equilibrium for four or five days after the operation Sponta eou nystagmu t ward the unoperated side was seen for tw t th ee d ys but it wa recorded in total darkness for a longer time 14 days in ne nimal) The positional test gave a characteristic type III positi nal nystagmu that is, it sometimes was direction fixed, at other times wa direction-changing, nd occasionally a shown in Fig 4 the ny tagmu hanged it direction during a given head position. In general, th positional nystagmu was a persist nt type, reproducible non-par

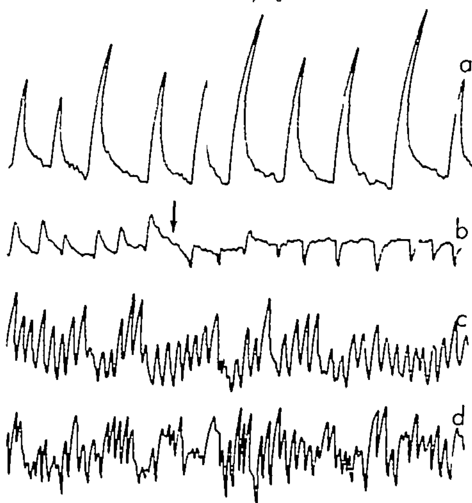


Fig. 4. Positional nystagmus taken in total darkness after hemisection of the right ampullary nerve. In this and following electronystagmographs an upward deflection indicates a jerk toward the left while downward deflection means a jerk toward the right. *a* spontaneous nystagmus. *b* right lateral position producing a change in direction of nystagmus at the point indicated by the arrow. *c* supine position resulting in significant increase of frequency. *d* left lateral position in which the nystagmus became dysrhythmic. Marker 5 seconds.

head rotation to the side of the lesion, a broad based stance and some hind-limb ataxia. The righting reflex during the free fall was absent in the right lateral position, i.e., with the operated ear undermost. A spontaneous nystagmus to the unoperated ear was present initially and a type II direction fixed positional nystagmus (toward the unoperated ear) was still present at the twenty fifth post-operative day in the supine position. Caloric testing produced no response from the operated ear while in the unoperated side there was a clear-cut preponderance of hot over cold responses.

C. Hemisection

Section of the canalicular branch of the lateral ampullary nerve was done in thirteen animals. As explained above the results were inconsistent but a group of five animals exhibited similar responses. These had a slight

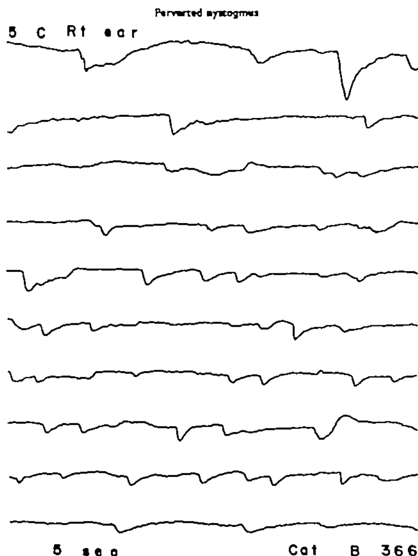


Fig. 7 C t B-366 Perverted vstagmu licited b irrig tion of right ear with water at 5 C.

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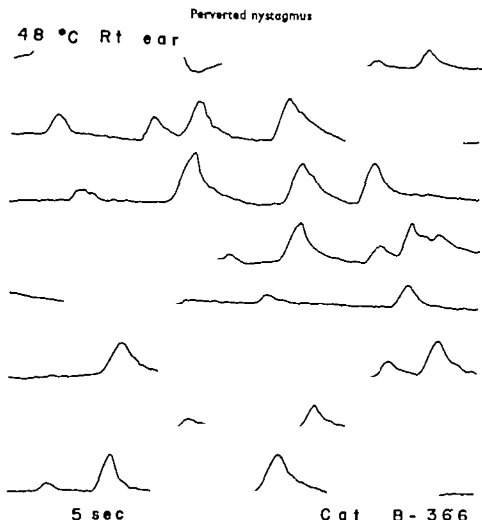


FIG. 6 Cat B-366 Perv rted nyst gmu elicited by irrig tion of right a with wat r at 48 C.

oxysmal but occasionally would become dysrhythmic or fibrillatory Its intensity increased in the supine position and when the unoperated ear was undermost sometimes a rotatory component was observed

The nystagmic responses to optokinetic and rotatory stimulation ex hibited a preponderance of that nystagmus elicited toward the unoperated ear The caloric test produced unexpected results Irrigation of the operated ear with cold water resulted in an ipsilateral nystagmus while h t irriga tion produced a nystagmus to the contralateral side Representative rec ords of this perverted caloric response from two of these animal are il lustrated in Figs 5 6 and 7 In cat B-252 (Fig 5) calorization of the right ear (the operated ear) with 48 C water should have produced nystagmus toward the right which with our instrument would be recor led as a downward deflexion As shown in the figure the deflexion was upward indicating nystagmus toward the left Irrigation of the right ear with water at 5 C also produced perverted nystagmus The perverted responses t the animal B-366 illustrated in Figs 6 and 7 were obtained on the fifth p st

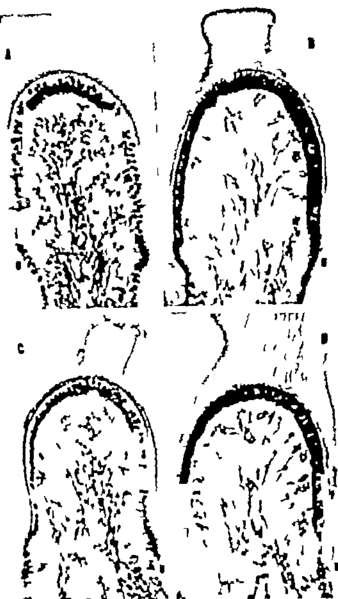


FIG. 2 Histopathology of crista ampullaris lateralis after hemisection of the lateral ampullary nerve. A normal crista of an unoperated ear. *B*, *C* and *D* cristae of Cat B-142, B-232, and B-319 respectively. U utricular side of the crista. The degeneration of stroma and both sensory and marginal epithelium is evident. Marker 200 μ. Hematoxylin-eosin stain.

utricular slope the marginal cells appeared healthy, the sensory epithelium was of great depth and the hair cells, although reduced in number were several times more numerous than on the canalicular side. As shown in Table 1 the hair cell counts demonstrated the asymmetry and degree of the lesion as compared to the controls. The control exhibited an asym-



Fig. 8. Cat B 366. Crista ampullaris lateralis after hemisection of lateral ampullary nerve. *A*, Weil stain; *B*, hematoxylin-eosin stain. Note necrosis of sensory epithelium on the canalicular side and partial detachment of the cupula. Some round degenerated cells are seen on the surface of and within the crista and in the endolymphatic space. Ma ke 200.

at the thirtieth post-operative day. The nystagmus was recorded in total darkness and directly observed with an infra red viewer. The direct observation confirmed the electronystagmographic recording of a perverted purely horizontal nystagmus.

In these five animals, the responses of the unoperated ear to caloric stimulation showed a directional preponderance of hot over cold irrigations. That is both the intensity and duration of nystagmus elicited towards the unoperated ear was larger than that elicited toward the operated side.

The histological pictures of the cristae ampullaris lateralis of the four *sacrificed* cats with perverted nystagmus are shown in Fig. 8 and 9. The appearances were consistent from one animal to another. On the canalicular slope there was either necrosis of the sensory epithelium (Fig. 8) or a severe loss of sensory supporting and marginal cells (Fig. 9). On the

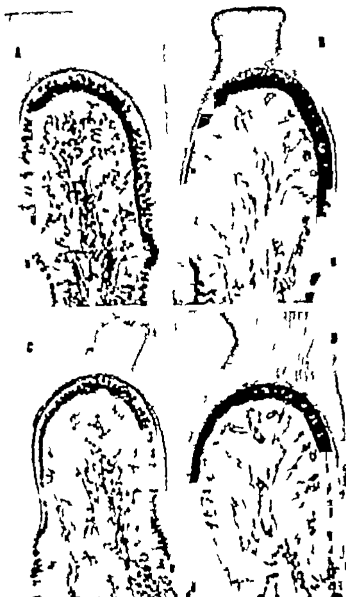


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	Hemisection		Control	
	Canalicular side	Utricular side	Canalicular side	Utricular side
B-306	0	450		
B-252	116	884		
B-182	63	822	2873	2584
B-319	104	11 6	2851	2596

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Fig. 10 Degenerative processes i the org of Corti of variou im ls. 1 organ of Corti with no abnormalities. The photomicrographs from 2 t 6 were rra ged i order from severe t slight hair cell loss. Each phot micrograph correspond to different nimal. Marker 100 μ. Hemat xylin-eosin stai

sumably ibrational trauma from the electric drill was responsible for thi finding

N abnormalities were found in Scarpa s ganglion, brainstem, cerebellum r meninges in any of the animals The section of the facial nerve was a sociated with Wallerian degeneration of the distal stump followed by a distl et proliferation of Schwann cells forming a neuroma. The proximal stump sh wed regeneration f fibers interwoven with the neuroma

COMMENTARY

The hi t l gy demon trated that the purpose of this experiment was n t ttained Firstly the urgical procedure permitted the section of the canali ular branch of the lateral ampull ry nerve without encroaching upon th utric lar bran h, but the opposite condition was not possible Sec ndly the hemisection w a sociated with extensive degenerative changes in the epith lium and stroma f the crista In our opinion the ause of these degenerativ changes wa an ischemic necrosis produced by urgical trauma During the sectioning of the canalicular branch, the bl od vessel running n the surfa of that branch w re observed to

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FIG. 11 Left (*L*) and Right (*R*) crista ampullaris lateralis of cat D-282, utricular side of the crista. The hemisection of lateral ampullary nerve was done on the right side and the animal was sacrificed on the third postoperative day. Acute stage of cell degeneration in sensory and marginal epithelium and from nerves dent. Notice patency of blood vessels. Marker 200. Hematoxylin-eosin stain.

degree and extension of the lesion, number and class of receptors involved, etc.

All the animals reported here with a lesion of the vestibular sense organ have both spontaneous and positional nystagmus. There is no difficulty in differentiating a direction-changing or an irregular or a paroxysmal nystagmus from a spontaneous nystagmus, but it is not easy to differentiate between a direction-fixed type and a spontaneous nystagmus exacerbated by posture. When the spontaneous nystagmus disappears, then the question arises as to whether the disorder seen and recorded is a true positional nystagmus of type II or a latent spontaneous nystagmus released by positional stimulation.

The observation on caloric responses raised once more the question regarding the anatomical origin in the sense organs of canal paresis and directional preponderance of caloric nystagmus as defined by Fitzgerald & Hallpike (1942) and Cawthorne, Fitzgerald & Hallpike (1942). They postulated that in man a lesion localized to the crista ampullaris lateralis results in canal paresis while a utricular lesion produces directional pre-

collapse, producing blanching of the utricular nerve. The acute stage of such a vascular disturbance was illustrated by an animal sacrificed three days after hemisection. The cat exhibited strong disorders of posture and motor performances, paralytic spontaneous nystagmus and an absence of caloric responses in the operated ear. The histological preparations showed necrosis of most of the sensory hair cells of the crista ampullaris lateralis with preservation of their supporting cells (Fig. 11). The cupula was detached and numerous degenerated cells were found in the stroma and in the endolymph around the crista. The vascular disturbance must have been transitory since in this animal and all others reported here the blood vessels of the crista were patent. Apparently the circulation was restored through collaterals. It is possible that in man a similar vascular disturbance might result in permanent damage to the sense organs. If circulation is re-established, then the histopathological interpretation of a vascular accident might become a very difficult decision.

Perhaps the most striking feature associated with hemisection of the lateral ampullary nerve was the perverted nystagmus elicited by caloric stimulation of the operated ear. The neural mechanism underlying the perversion of this reflex is unknown. The possibilities that it represented a latent or provoked nystagmus or might have represented the response of the vertical canals were discarded. We assumed that the disorder was associated with factors such as partial damage of the sensory epithelium and asymmetry of the lesion. Perhaps the partial detachment of the cupula produced a derangement of the cupular mechanism resulting in a perversion of the sensory coding.

Perverted nystagmus has been found in certain lesions involving the brain stem of man (Jones, 1918; Shuster, 1933; Spiegel & Sommer, 1944; Fisher, 1956; Riesco-MacClure & Martinez, 1957) and animals (Maxbaum, 1938; Buchanan, 1940; Crammer, 1951; Fredrickson & Fernandez, 1964). It has been considered an important sign for diagnosis of localization in that it has been found associated with certain lesions encroaching on the vestibular nuclei. Perverted nystagmus, however, may occur in certain peripheral lesions of both experimental animals as shown here or in man as postulated by Klestadt (1930). The results show once more that abnormal eye movements may help but are not a pathognomonic sign in the diagnosis of localization.

The type III positional nystagmus is another sign often associated with diseases of the central nervous system. The result of our investigation indicates that peripheral lesions localized in the crista ampullaris lateralis and perhaps in any vestibular receptor may produce a type III or any other positional nystagmus. In agreement with Lindsay & Hemenway (1956), this and other types of positional nystagmus of peripheral origin seem to be the result of an asymmetry in the sensory input caused by unilateral sudden partial loss of vestibular function. Apparently the type of nystagmus, at least in animals, is determined by many factors such as

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ponderance a combined canal paresis and directional preponderance was associated with a combined canalicular and utricular lesion In the animals of our series the hypothesis holds only to a certain extent The cases of hemisection had a directional preponderance toward the unoperated ear which according to the hypothesis, indicates a utricular lesion of the operated side Yet the studies of complete serial sections failed to demonstrate a histological difference between the sensory epithelium of right and left utriculus *The cases of complete necrosis of the crista ampullaris* lateralis exhibited as is implicit in the hypothesis, a canal paralysis, but again the animals had an enhancement toward the unoperated ear As in previous cases no histological abnormalities were found in the utricular sensory epithelium of either side The experimental evidence at least in the cat indicates that canal paresis or paralysis combined with directional preponderance may occur in lesions localized to the crista ampullaris lateralis Although in man there is no evidence demonstrating a correlation between directional preponderance and a unique utricular lesion it is possible that differences in order from cat to man may cause differences in behavior of abnormal vestibular sense organs. Perhaps the set of assumptions including the most recent ones (Carmichael Dix & Hallpike 1965 Hallpike 1965) for explaining the neural mechanism underlying *canal paresis and* directional preponderance are applicable only to man At any rate the assumption that the tonus elements are subserved by the utriculus is at variance with the electrophysiological evidence that the utriculus and semicircular canals have resting activity (Löwenstein 1950) Apparently the contribution of the vestibular system to the muscle tone is the result of the summation of this resting activity As a matter of fact the excitation or inhibition of the resting activity of one lateral semicircular canal produces a profound tonus imbalance as demonstrated by *conjugate* deviation of the arms and eyes (slow component) and lateral pulsion of the body In our opinion tonus imbalance in mammals may result from a lesion localized to any vestibular receptor

ZUSAMMENFASSUNG

Es wurde versucht den kanalseitigen Teil des Nervus ampullari lateralis der Katze durchzuschneiden In erfolgreichen Fällen zeigte die Sektion eine Degenerierung des sensorischen und marginalen Epithelium und des Stromas. Die Tiere zeigten eine akute vestibuläre Störung bestehend au gest [illegible] Gleichgewicht spontanem Nystagmus zu dem nicht per[illegible]rten Ohre Typ III Lagenystagmus, pervertiertem Nystagmus nach W[illegible]rme pulung [illegible] Seite und einer Nystagmusbereitschaft zu dem nicht perierten Ohre [illegible]schen und kalorischen Tests und im Drehtest Da Durchschneiden [illegible] am pullaris superior und/oder laterali liess zu ein[illegible]m gew[illegible]ssen [illegible] nischen Symptome einer Labyrinth[illegible] erinnern Die klin[illegible] Sympt[illegible] einer vestibulären Störung verbund[illegible] einer sich auf die Cr[illegible]ta ampullari lokalisierten Schädigung werden be[illegible]prochen

High frequency ultrasound is also used for destroying biological tissue. This effect has been used mainly for treatment of patients with Menière's disease with the intention to selectively reduce or eliminate the vestibular function of the inner ear with preservation of hearing. Up to now more than 200 patients have been treated at the Otolaryngological Clinic, Uppsala, with this method, producing good results (Sjöberg *et al.*, 1963; Sjöberg, 1964; Stahle 1964; Stahle & Sahl, 1964; Sjöberg & Stahle, 1965; Johnson, 1968). The ultrasonic instrument is constructed in Uppsala. Its transducer is fitted with interchangeable tips of metal and teflon.

The apparatus has been tested on pigeons and "Schlieren" optics have been used to study the penetration of ultrasound in varying bone thicknesses.

We employ a new irradiation technique, under which the operation cavity is dry with only a single drop of saline solution under the transducer tip for coupling. By means of a stereo microscope we are able to direct th ultrasonic beam to the exact anatomical location of otoliths and semicircular canal ampullae. It is thus po sible to avoid irradiation of the facial nerve and the cochlea.

A drawback i the high absorption of ultrasound in bone. This hinders energy fr m penetrating the labyrinthine wall and reaching the neuro-epithelium in the inner ear. It has been found necessary to reduce the labyrinth wall thickness by burring to the order of a few tenths of a millimeter. An optimum thickness must be reached in order to reduce th amount f ultrasonic absorption.

In determining the thickness of the otic capsule preparatory to ultrasonic irradiation, we have been guided by observing the non uniform porous tructure of the enchondral bone. The "gray or blue line technique" h s not f und application in our approach, since we aim the ultrasonic beam toward a region just behind the lateral semicircular canal under which area lie the amp ull e and vestibulum. An instrument making possible the mea urement of the bone thicknes at this point would be of immea urable value in improving and simplifying our irradiation procedure.

W has been led therefore *to investigate the possibility of employing ultrasonic t chniques for the measurement of the bone thickness in the otic capsule*. It would be highly desirable to be able to determine the thickness at a gi en point t an accuracy of ±0.1 mm at a minimum thickness of a ut 0.2 mm.

Along with this, our int rest has leaned toward a more general study of th thicknes of the otic capsul and otosclerotic foci therein. It is our opinion that during an operati n for l r unic otitis the possibility of charting th cavity s w ll and underlying structure by means of *an ultrasonic* probe coul l be of great value.

A premise is, of course, that th dead time due to ringing of the transducer a well a a temporary amplifier paralysis caused by the high

STUDIES OF THE OTIC CAPSULE

I. Reduced Dead Time Ultrasonic Probe for Measurement of Bone Thickness

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Experiments have been undertaken to construct a device for measurement of the thickness of the otic capsule in order to improve the ultrasonic irradiation technique in the treatment of Menière's disease. Because of absorption of ultrasonic energy within the bone it has been found necessary to reduce the thickness of the bony labyrinthine wall to considerably less than 1 mm in order to obtain optimum destructive effect upon the labyrinthine epithelium. Up to now the guiding parameters have been the characteristic structure of the enchondral bone or a translucent canal.

It would be highly desirable to be able to determine the thickness of the bone at a given point down to a few tenths of a millimeter with reasonable accuracy. That this can be done by the application of a new method for reducing the dead time usually associated with ultrasonic echo instruments, appears reasonably certain. A preliminary model operated at approximately 4 Mc has reduced the conventional dead time corresponding to several centimeters of tissue depth to one or two millimeters equivalent depth.

Applications for an instrument of the present capabilities within the medical field are numerous.

INTRODUCTION

Applications of ultrasonic echo methods in technology and medicine have increased greatly within the last few years. Flaw detection apparatus for metallurgical use head the list for variety and innovation. The special needs of medicine have resulted in numerous instruments aimed principally at this field. Here can be mentioned devices for studying the mid brain echo, eye dimensions, calcifications in the heart valves, the pregnant uterus, mammary tumours and enlargements of the liver. The majority of these devices suffer from a common fault, namely a rather extended dead time following the transmitted pulse due to *ringing of the transducer* and amplifier paralysis. In many instruments this period corresponds to several centimeters of tissue depth.

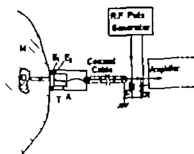


FIG. 1 Loaded transducer nd ircuitry

thickness of a sintered silver-glass mixture having an impedance possibly quite different from that of either transducer or absorber The transition between, say led zirconate-titanate electrode material and absorber may in practice be the cause of as high a degree of reflection as the impedance mismatch between T and A itself

Eliminating Amplifier Paralysis

The use of a single transducer system as becomes necessary especially when a small region is to be examined, adds to the complexity of the problem in that the generally very high amplitude driving pulse is not only fed to the transducer but simultaneously appears at the input to a high gain amplifier A conventional radio frequency amplifier made up of cascaded tuned stages suffers, as a result, a temporary paralysis which may extend over several microseconds. As was pointed out in the introduction, our aim was the measurement of bone thickness of the order of 0.2 mm, which corresponds to an echo d lay of something less than 0 15 microseconds. Thi condition defines to a large degree the working limits of the ystem as it will eventually take form First of all, it becomes necessary t use a short enough driving pulse that it may be highly damped by the time the desired echo arri es at the amplifier input. This pulse need consist only of one half-cycle of the transducer frequency essentially hock-exciting the ceramic blank. By choosing a transducer frequency of say 10 0 mc sec the time requirement m y be satisfied. The degree of damping applied electrically as well mechanicall will determine the resolution obt in ble

Tw steps may be tak n to minimize amplifier paralysis. The first i to el minat ll l ng-time constant grid circuits. In radio frequency amplifiers thi i most easily ccomplished b y placing tuning inductances between grid nd ground or u ing tran f rmer coupling Second, one may make use f the non-l near characteristics of point-contact diodes shunting the circuit. Here high mplitud pulses re presented by low resi tance—chosen to be appreci bly lower than th tage impedance—wherea a very low ampli tud ignal will rem in within the region of curv ture thus being relatively

driving pulse can be reduced to an absolute minimum. Results to date are far from this goal but the evaluation of a new and promising approach has been carried out, the results of which form the basis for this preliminary paper.

THE PROBLEM

Instrument Dead Time

Efforts to reduce the dead time of transducers employed for flaw detectors as well as medical diagnostic instruments have generally been based on a heavy damping of the piezoelectric blanks by means of cast backings of a highly dissipative nature having acoustic impedances as close to those of the transducer materials as possible (Kossoff *et al.*, 1964). For the most part these employ tungsten or other metal loaded epoxy resins poured over the back electrode of the transducer filling a volume of several cm^3 where they are allowed to polymerize to a solid mass. By proper choice of metal and its careful dispersion throughout the resin a relatively good impedance match may be obtained with appreciable suppression of spurious responses. Aside from the decrease in dead time this transducer loading becomes imperative if a high degree of signal resolution is desired.

The problem may be illustrated by Fig. 1. Electrically the transducer T will be coupled to the remainder of the system via two electrodes E_1 and E_2, most often in the case of a piezo-ceramic consisting of fired-on layers of silver mixed with a low melting point glass in powdered form having a thickness as much as one or two tenths of a millimeter. An electrical pulse fed to the transducer by means of the coaxial cable connecting the probe with the pulse generator indicator unit will generate an ultrasonic disturbance within T which in turn will travel towards E_1 and E_2 in equal proportions. Until such time that contact between transducer and a medium M to be studied is made energy travelling toward E_1 will be wholly reflected and directed toward E_2. Energy impinging upon E_2 will, if no absorber A is present, simply be reflected back towards E_1 and so forth until internal losses have dissipated the signal.

The addition of an absorber results in a portion of the energy reaching E_2 continuing on into the absorber itself, the remainder being reflected back into T. This ratio between reflected energy and total energy falling on E_2 is expressed by the following power reflection coefficient

$$R = \left(\frac{Z_A - Z_T}{Z_A + Z_T}\right)^2$$

where Z_A is the effective impedance of the absorber and Z_T is the acoustic impedance of the transducer material. The ideal condition so easily expressed on paper are not often as easily realized in practice. Electrode E_2 may in the case of a ceramic transducer consist of a not insignificant

short lifetime charge carriers or preferably point-contact diodes, which generally exhibit charge carrier storage effects to a lesser degree

The Delay Line Probe

In order to achieve the best possible transducer one would wish to couple the ceramic blank firmly to a material having properties identical to that of the transducer material itself—perhaps an extended bar of the same transducer ceramic For practical reasons, this bar would have a rather short extension giving rise to echo returning to the transducer within relatively few microseconds after the driving pulse Since we have been concerned here principally with observing echos from very near lying structures, the presence of strong echos occurring at some later time need be of no concern, as long as the time interval between driving pulse and echos from the end of the bar is sufficiently long to allow observations of all that which is desired Since also there exist several materials whose acoustic impedances are close to those of the transducer ceramics, one is presented with a number of possible combinations from which to construct a delay line to store unwanted spurious responses during the period under which observation of external echoes is to be made Fig 3 illustrates the constructional features of such a delay line probe

For the case shown in Fig 3 the delay medium loading the transducer is a metal bar which in itself forms the hot electrode and must be isolated from the ground. Because of the high capacitance of the ceramic transducer stray capacitance between delay bar and the outer shield can easily be made low enough that its presence is of no consequence

An advantage of the delay bar serving as transducer electrode is the possibility of eliminating the fired-on electrode thus bonding ceramic directly to the metal Successful results with a construction of this type are wholly dependent upon producing an as nearly perfect bond as possible between the two material (Spaeth, Rogers & Johnson 10 3)

EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

In order to obtain good contact with the bony walls of the otic capsule within desired area the diameter of the probe at the very *tip must be no* more than a few millimeter a diameter equal to that of the standard transducer tip, i.e. 2.5 mm, would be desirable

Determination of the thickness and extension of *otosclerotic foci by* measurements of the stapedial footplate and its surroundings or the round window area would require a probe diameter *of the order* of about 1 mm

Up to now the most successful unit has been built on a PZT-4 ceramic transducer coupled to a titanium bar Whereas probes of 2-3 mm diameter have been built they have not as yet been satisfactory Our research

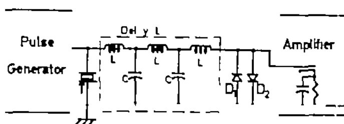


FIG 2 Del y probe transducer f llowed by a point-diode terminated delay lin

unaffected by the presence of the diode Both of these methods have been utilized with good results

Another approach which has been tried with some success, couples the non linear effect of the point-contact diode with a time separation of the transducer—driver combination and amplifier input Briefly this consists of placing an artificial delay line just ahead of the amplifier The delay line parameters are chosen so that when terminated by a suitable diode its characteristic impedance is equal to the forward resistance of the diode near the origin and such that this value is large compared to the diode resistance along its linear region The length of delay required is only that equal to one-quarter-cycle of a sinusoidal driving pulse corresponding to the center frequency of the system It is clear that for very low amplitude signals, such as would be expected from the ultrasonic echos, the delay line is properly terminated The high amplitude driving pulse, when reaching the diode at the amplifier input causes this to conduct heavily in effect short circuiting the delay line Two effects obtain as a result of this first the amplitude of the pulse is reduced at the input grid without loading the driving circuit second the reflection from the shorted transmission line returns to the transducer in phase with its natural period Fig 2 shows the configuration employing a delay line terminated by two opposed diodes

Because of leakage via tube and circuit capacitances, it is of some advantage to apply the diode limiting technique to several of the early stages It is important here to choose diodes which exhibit a minimum of charge storage to prevent the occurrance of an extended pulse "tail (van der Ziel 1958) resulting from the gradual return to an equilibrium state when slow diodes are pulsed This implies the use of either juncti n di de having

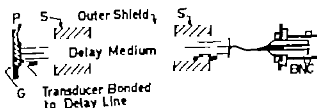


FIG. 3 Ba ic co tru ti nal d tail f d la li pr be

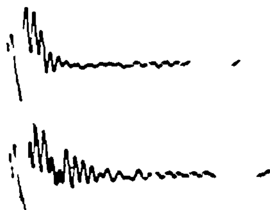


FIG. 6 *a*. Response f d lay line probe only (mplifier A)—upper trace
FIG. 6 *b*. Echo from 2 mm thick bone (mplifier A)—l wer trace

and filling the region immediately around the transducer with a polyester potting compound. After this had hardened, external excess was lapped off the transducer urface cleaned and a silver electrode deposited chemically over both transducer and potting compound and on to a portion f the metal shield making a continuous electrical ground. As seen in Fig. 4 tl e outer tube is divided, the second half containing an internal spring contact leading to a BNC coaxial contact at its end

The titanium bar was cut to 10 cm, resulting in an echo delay of something over 30 microseconds. Transducer thickness corresponds to a frequency about 4 mc/sec

A thyratron pulse circuit ha been employed for generating the driving pulse Tuning is accompli hed by means of a bank of inductances. The pulse generator and it associated circuitry are shown in Fig 5

A 2D21 thyratron is llowed to operate as a relax tion oscillator its repetition rat determined by the combination *RC* When the tube fires, the harge ccumul ted by *C* is lead off the discharge current passing throug the primary of the pulse transf rmer T_p. A double-pole-double-throw wit h *S* select series or shunt placement of a number of induct nces, wl ich m in turn be selected by *S* for tuning the transducer *DI* of th del y l n probe A 100 hm, 1 to 120 dB step attenuator i placed ahead f th mplifier to m k possible level mea urements relative to the dri ing pulse Thi method of mea urement liminates amplifier non-line rities, nd y eld the actual relations between pulses of differing ampli tu les, g rdless f uppres i n f higher level signal due to diode limiting, etc the mplifier

The p lse circuit hown generates a driving pulse having a peak-to-peak wi g of ver 100 v lt when terminated by the transducer and the 100 ohm

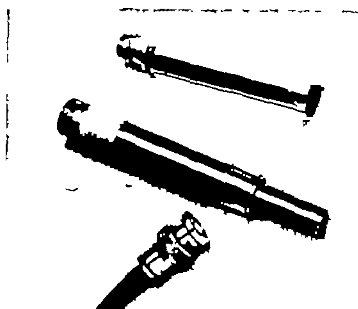


FIG 4 The delay line probe

is just now focussed on this problem However the results obtained with a 10 mm diameter PZT-4 transducer titanium delay bar combination mounted in a 15 mm O D thin walled shielding tube have been interesting enough to warrant reporting upon

A PZT-4 transducer blank having a diameter of 10 mm was lapped on both sides to remove the original electrodes The titanium bar after turning the ends flat was also finished by lapping Bonding material chosen was a special thin flowing epoxy resin based on an Araldite type MY 740 using a pp methyline dianiline hardener applied very thinly and cured for several hours at 120–130 C

After assembly the delay line was examined for echo and spurious response level End-of bar echos were found to lie 20 to 26 dB below the driving pulse Undesired signals arising from the transducer and its neighborhood were found to lie between 1 and 0 3% of the driving pulse amplitude

This bar was now mounted in the shield tube using plastic sleeve spacers

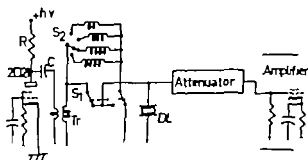


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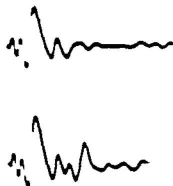


FIG. 8 a. Same 6 a, but mplifier B—upper
FIG. 8 b Same 6 b but mplifier B—lower

signals generated in the transducer—however some may be traced to low level signals resulting from reflection effects and ringing of the ex ternal circuitry Total sweep length shown in Figs 6 and 8 is 10 microseconds, thus the main driving pulse residue extends over approximately 2 microseconds, f which the latter half-portion lies at −40 to −50 dB referred t the main pulse itself external to the amplifier The echo in Figs. 6 b and 8 b i from a piece of bone taken from the femur ground to a thickness f 2 mm Because f the somewhat porous structure of the bone attenuatio n of the ultrasonic signal within the bon is extremely high. The echo les 1 hown here i approximately 40 dB below the dri ing pulse.

Figs. 7 a and 7 b show a series of echoes obtained from 1 0 mm and 2.0 mm thick high density polyethylene sheets, sweep length 25 microseconds. Here ne can see the first echo in th 1 0 mm material overlapping the dri ing pulse and thereby suppressed, whereas, the same echo for the 2.0 mm se has reached nearly full mplitude This m y be deduced from the nly lightly depressed expon ntial decay curve f the echo train. It is t be expected that th diode limiting would discriminate against the high r pulses t som extent

From the abov results, it i clear th t the method i useable for discerning object lying a close a 2 mm from the transducer in m terials having ultraso ic locities in th range f 3 mm microsec nd higher In soft tis ues, wher th locity i bout ne-half of this, the working range can be lose 1 mm.

Returning bri fly to Fig. 1 it is clear that if all nergy reaching F could be made t p i to the test m terial M by reciprocity reflections from a discontin ity D would ju t a easily pa n to th transducer and be detected. Unfortunately the i terface rel tion hips here are uch that often, nly a fraction of the ultrasonic energy produced within the trans-

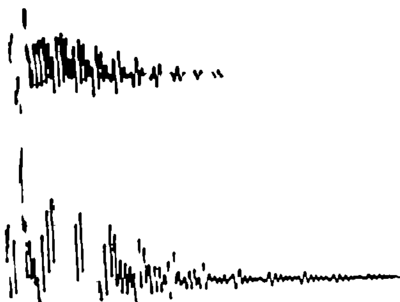


Fig 7a Echos from 1 mm thick polyethylene sheet (amplifier A)—upper
Fig 7b Echo from 2 mm thick polyethylene sheet (amplifier A)—lower

impedance level of the attenuator Pulse lengths are of the order of 10 to 50 nanoseconds or less

When an artificial delay line was employed this replaced the tuning inductance in the set up of Fig 5 Results of this technique were interesting, but called for an artificial delay line of higher quality than the one constructed for the purpose A length of delay cable shall be substituted in future trials

A number of modifications were made on the amplifier in order to eliminate paralysis and general broadening of the driving pulse In fact the amplifier was modified from a stagger tuned wide-band r f amplifier to essentially a video amplifier in which circuit parameters were selected to give the required band pass characteristic Grid to-ground resistances were made very low leading to the use of coupling capacitances of several microfarads in order to prevent differentiation effects. The tendency towards pulse broadening was also reduced some by decreasing the low frequency gain This was achieved by reducing cathode and screen bypass capacitances.

The series of photographs in Figs 6 and 7 were taken with this amplifier (amplifier A) A very short time constant follows the detector so that the rectified signal shows maximum detail Figs 8 a and 8 b were taken using a stagger tuned amplifier having limiting diodes across the first three stage (amplifier B)

The residue of the driving pulse seen to the left in Fig 6 a and 8 a lies approximately 30 dB below the level of the driving pulse at the amplifier input The disturbances along the base line are due primarily to spurious

One method of achieving this has been to flow a generous amount of thin, uncured epoxy resin onto the surface of the transducer held horizontally in a jig and carefully sprinkling metal powder uniformly over the thin liquid The metal powder settles down through the resin on to the transducer blank, after which the resin is cured and the top surface planed off Leav ing enough resin that the outermost part is free of metal powder a workable transition layer is obtained Other similar approaches have been tried as well, all of which have resulted in a marked improvement over the bare transducer For instance a construction employing a thin sheet of poly ethylene gave an extremely good match to dry skin That is, it was possible t apply the transducer directly to the skin surface, and without the use of coupling liquids to obtain good transmission of ultrasound through the interface

CONCLUSIONS

By means of an ultrasonic echo technique it has been possible to measure the thickness of thin tissue layers down to 1 mm.

A new approach to the elimination of dead time associated with pulse-echo diagnostic instruments and flaw detectors, based on the reduction of crystal ringing and amplifier paralysis, has been shown practical The original aims of our present program of research to measure the thickness of the otic capsule and surrounding structures during operation have not yet met with success, but a working principle has been established which can lead to a solution

The present design, based mainly on the use of an acoustic delay line coupled to the transducer in order to remove disturbing signals long enough t permit bserving desired phenomena, can in its present form be *applied t a number of medical problems* As xamples might be considered exa mination of subcutaneou regi ns lying a close as a millimeter or two from th urface down to several centimeters, a region normally no readily amined with standard echo transducers, or perhaps, the deter mination f degree of therosclerosi at vari us point along an artery

A refin ment of the present construction is planned, choosing a higher center freq enc 8 to 10 mc sec This we hope will make pos ible the at t inment f th goal of 0.2 mm depth with a resolution of the order of 0.1 mm Thr ugh th use of thi meth od w hope t study closely various part f the tic capsule under normal and pathological conditions, for xample d sclerosis.

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TABLE 1

Material	Efficiency of probe $(k')^2$
Saline solution (blood)	0.45
Soft tissue (average)	0.52
Bone (skull)	0.42

ducer can reach the test region M and conversely the reflected signals are only in part detected. If instead of the power reflection coefficient k discussed earlier one looks at the expression

$$k' = 1 - \sqrt{k}$$

k' will be a coefficient giving the portion of the impinging signal (in terms of its amplitude) which actually passes through the interface. Since we are dealing with amplitude relations, this factor can be more easily related to the height of actual signals observed on the oscilloscope face. Further we are concerned with a two-way traverse of the signal through the interface, thus the term $(k')^2$ will be a useful way of expressing the relative efficiency of coupling of the present probe to a few common physiological materials—as shown in Table 1 (calculated from Sundén, 1964).

One must remember that the condition defined by $(k')^2$ does not include absorption in the material, partial reflections or scattering, etc., which play a part in reducing the returned echo. We see however that in addition to all other losses, the inefficiency due to impedance mismatch is considerable. Some efforts to improve the situation have been made through the use of coupling elements, placed over the transducer surface to reduce the mismatch. If one chooses a material having an acoustic impedance Z_m equal to the geometric mean of the two materials between which transfer of energy is to be made, where these materials have impedances Z_M and Z_T respectively, that is,

$$Z_m = \sqrt{Z_M \cdot Z_T},$$

one can expect complete transfer of energy across the interface. This unfortunately assumes a tuned element—its thickness equal to one-quarter of a wavelength—and as such can only with difficulty be applied where broadband circuits are involved.

Experiments with graded impedance transition layers have been performed with some success. The graded impedance layer consists of a thin, built up element bonded to the outer surface of the transducer and made up to provide a gradual variation in impedance from that of the transducer blank to a value equal to or close to that of the material to be investigated.

SINGLE UNIT STUDY OF THE COCHLEAR NUCLEUS IN THE MOUSE

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Single unit study of the cochlear nu leus complex in th mouse was performed. Two types f units were encountered which differed in thei tuni g curves, their threshold xcitability nd their response to increasing sou d stimulation The findings suggest that a type I unit onvey information concerning the frequency of a t ne and the type II unit the int nsity f the stimulating soun L Inhibition with tw t ne interaction was shown to exist in type I units. Attempts were mad to determi e the mode of inhibition in peripheral auditory units. Inhibit ry interbeat tracki g by units i dicates a neural mechanism for the inhibi tion encountered in peripheral auditory units seen du ing two tone inte acti n.

Single units from the eighth nerve and cochlear nucleu in the cat were first isolated by Galambos & Davis (1943) Several studies have appeared since concerning these units and attempts have been made to decode the pattern of unit responses (Kiang *et al.*, 1962, 1965 Moushegian, Rupert & Galambos, 1962 Kat uki Suga & Kanno, 1962)

The present investigation deal with singl unit from the cochlear nucleus in the m use Lorente de N (1933 a b) has described in great detail the cellular architecture f this nucleus in the mouse and made se ral physiological assumptions based on the anatomical findings. In the present tudy an attempt will be made to correlate the neurophysiological results with the histological descriptions of Lorent de N Another interest in thi nimal arises from the fact that several strain of *mice* carry genes f r heredit ry de fness. The hearing loss is either present congenit lly or appears soon after the animal a quires hearing after birth (Mika lian & Ruben 1964 Mik elian, Alford & Ruben, 1965) It has seemed logical t study the n rmally hearing animal first as a basis on which t correlate and interpret later th findings in these abn rmal mice

METHOD

CBA J mice were u ed Thi train ha been tudied previously in this l borat ry and potenti l were recorded from th round wind w and the

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ZUSAMMENFASSUNG

Es wurde der Versuch unternommen eine Methode zur Messung der Dicke der Labyrinthkapsel zu entwickeln Diese Methode soll Ultraschallbestrahlung bei der Behandlung von Menièrescher Krankheit erleichtern

Wegen Absorption von Ultraschallenergie im Knochen ist es nötig die Dicke der knöchernen Labyrinthkapsel auf weniger als 1 mm zu reduzieren Dadurch wird optimale Einwirkung auf das Epithel ermöglicht Die Schichtdicke wurde bisher aus der charakteristischen Struktur des enchondralen Knochens oder aus dem Durchscheinen des Kanals abgeschätzt

Es ist in hohem Grade wünschenswert die Schichtdicke bis hinab zu einigen Bruchteilen eines Millimeters mit entsprechender Messgenauigkeit zu bestimmen Dies kann erreicht werden durch Einsatz einer neuen Methode die es erlaubt die für Ultraschallinstrumente typische Totzeit erheblich zu reduzieren In einer vorläufigen Modellanordnung war es möglich die der Totzeit entsprechende Schichtdicke des Gewebes von einigen Zentimetern auf ein bis zwei Millimeter herabzudrücken

Eine Reihe medizinischer Anwendungen für eine derartig verbesserte Ultraschallmethode lässt sich voraussagen

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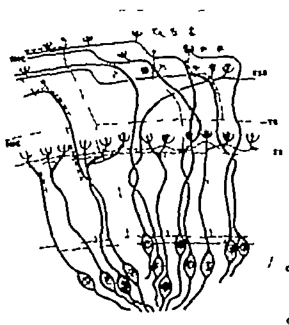
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one micron in diameter and their impedance was from 1 to 3 megohms. The microelectrodes were connected to a conventional cathode follower preamplifier system and the responses were observed on a dual beam cathode ray oscilloscope Tektronix model 502. The output of the preamplifier was passed through an audio-amplifier system for auditory monitoring. Pictures were taken from the face of the CRO using a Grass camera. The output from the preamplifier was recorded at the same time on a calibrated two-channel Sony tape recorder type 500 for later studies



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Fig. 4. Schema ic dra ing f ochle l nerv fibe (Smith Rasm sen. By permission) *IHC* Internal hai cell *EHC*, External hai cell) *ESB* External piral bundl *OC* ll o-cochl bundle *SC* Spiral ga glion *TB* T nnel bundle Solid lines re cochlear nerves. Dashed li es re fferent nerves.



FIG. 1 Electrod track in the cochl n leus (arrow) Mag 40

eighth nerve (Mikaelian Alford & Ruben 1965) The adult mice were anesthetized with intraperitoneal injection of 0 2 cc of a 20% solution of Urethane The head was held in a suitable head holder (Baltimore Inst Co) The surgical procedures employed to expose the eighth nerve and cochlear nucleus have been described in detail previously

The single unit recording was done using glass pipette microelectrodes filled with 3 molar KCl solution The tips of the electrodes were around

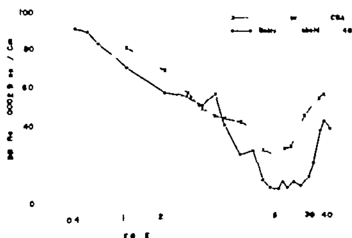


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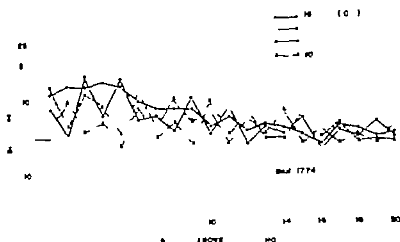


Fig. 7 Rate of change of spike counts with increasing sound stimulation (one decibel steps) in type I unit. The C.F. reveals more regular rate of change than the other frequencies.

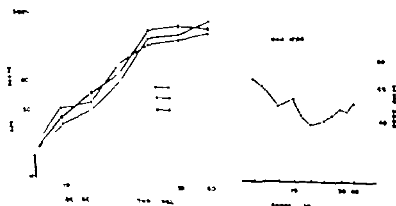
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OBSERVATIONS

The present report is based on observations of 240 units.

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Response to suprathreshold stimulation ... 10 decibel above threshold. ... type II unit. Plateau ...

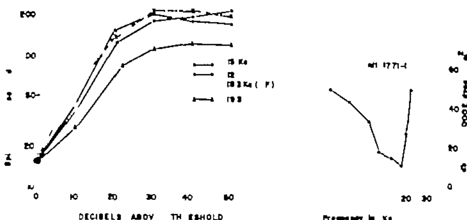


Fig. 5. Response to suprathreshold sound stimulation in a type I unit. Plateau level reached at about 30 decibels above threshold.

Spike counts of units were made with a Hewlett Packard electronic counter model 521 CR. The counter was triggered externally by the same pulse that triggered the tone bursts. Spike counts were made for a one second stimulation. The pulses were delivered at a rate of one pulse per second.

The sound system and calibrating equipment has been reported elsewhere (Mikaelian, Alford & Ruben 1965). To demonstrate two tone inhibition identical but separate sound systems were employed. To visualize the interference phenomenon of cochlear potentials, a Bruel and Kjaer wave analyzer (type 2107) was used and its output was displayed on the face of the CRO.

At the end of each experiment the mouse was perfused with physiological saline followed by 10% formalin. The head was removed, trimmed and decalcified. It was embedded in celloidin and serially sectioned at 14

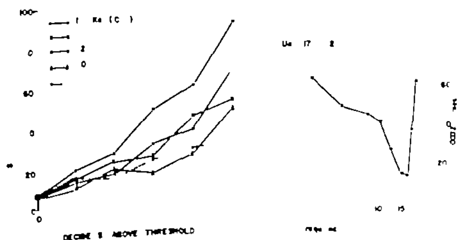


Fig. 6. Spike count in one decibel steps up t... decibel ... unit. The CF responds with higher spike count.

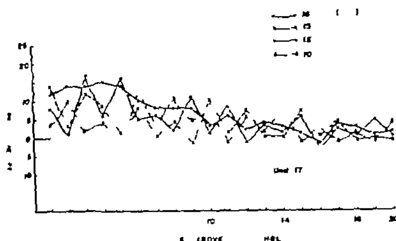


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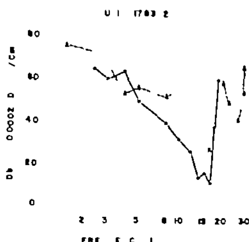


Fig. 9 Inhibitory frequencies plotted f r a type I unit The inhibiti n i produ ed b both low and high frequenc t nes.

of single units from the cochlear nucleus the range of responses extended from 400 cps to above 40 kc and here also the threshold responses of units were lowest for the frequencies ranging from 10 to 22 kc (Fig 2)

No special effort was made for a tonotopic localization of frequencies in the cochlear nucleus (Rose, 1960) It was obvious however that units with high characteristic frequencies (C.F) were usually located in the superficial layers of the cochlear nucleus (both dorsal and ventral) and as the electrode was advanced further units with lower C.F s were en countered At this point, it was observed that units encountered in the superficial layers of the cochlear nucleus had lower thresholds than those isolated in its deeper layers On an average this difference in threshold excitability was around 10–15 decibels and was more uniformly present in the dorsal cochlear nucleus than in the ventral Such a finding becomes significant when compared to the histological studies of Lorente de No who has subdivided this nucleus into four cell layers (mostly the tuber culum acusticum or dorsal cochlear nucleus) (1933 *a* *b*) The small cell groups were found in the superficial layers and the larger ones in the deeper layers of the nucleus He showed that the large bipolar cells received much more innervation and made more synapses than the smaller ones He then predicted that these large cells with many synapses would have higher thresholds of excitability than the ones with fewer synapses, because in these large cells many fibers must discharge in order to bring forth threshold excitation The present neurophysiol gical observations are in agreement with such a physiological assumpti n

The tuning curves of single units in the mouse were imilar to those observed in other animals. In general two types of units were i lated which differed in their tuning curves and their response t increased tonal stimulation Type I units had a sharp cut-off at the high ide of the C F with a gradual tapering on the low side and were enc untered much more

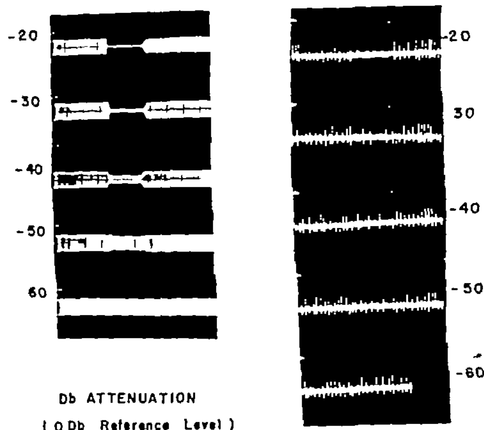


FIG. 10 Left side Cochlea l terference Cochl potential btained for frequency f 14 kc Interfering tone 18 Kc tone burst Right side I hibitio l the u it R lease of i hibit on nd interference ith gradual decrease in int ity f the i hibiting frequency

frequ ntly The thresh ld of these unit wa u ually very low Type II unit h d gradual tapering on both ides of the C.F and their thresh lds w re h gher (Fig. 3)

B *Respon e to Increa ed Sound Intensities*

Th re ponse of units to increased inten ities f sound ha been studied prev u ly (Galambos & D v s, 1943 Katsuki, Suga & Kanno, 1962 Ga l mbo & D is, 1944 N m t Sug & Katsuki, 1964) It has been hown th t the rat f discharge in units reaches a pl teau lev l beyond which fu th in rease f th sound inten ity cause either no increase or a d m nutio in pik rat The reducti n of the pikes has been attributed by som to n inhibitory proces in the unit (Galambos & D is, 1944 R se Gal mbos & Hughes, 19 9 Nomoto, Suga & Kat uki, 1964)

In the present studies the response of the unit was studied by increasing the intensity of the sound in 1 decibel steps. The frequencies studied were the C.F. (the frequency with the lowest threshold in the tuning curve) and those frequencies on both sides of it whose thresholds were no higher than 15 decibels from it. Such an arbitrary limitation of frequencies has been based on the pattern of innervation of the organ of Corti (Fig. 4) (Lorente de Nó, 1937; Fernandez, 1951; Smith & Rasmussen, 1963; Smith, 1961).

In type I units the number of spikes for the different frequencies were similar at the plateau levels (Fig. 5). The frequencies above the C.F. gave usually lower counts independent of sound intensities applied. However, spike counts compared at 5 decibel levels above threshold showed clearly that the highest count was achieved by the C.F. (Fig. 6). Similarly, the rate of change in spike discharges that occurred with each decibel increase in the sound intensity showed a more regular change of rate for the C.F. than for the other frequencies (Fig. 7).

The findings were different in type II units. Whereas the plateau level in type I unit was attained 20 to 30 decibels above threshold, the type II unit showed only a tendency to do so at 40 to 50 decibels above threshold (higher intensities were not used for fear of damaging the hair cells and for harmonic distortions) (Fig. 8). These observations suggest that units with sharp tuning (type I) convey information about the frequency of a tone rather than its intensity and that type II units seem to convey adequately information about the intensity of the stimulating sound. There has been a trend to relate these two types of units to inner and outer hair cell innervation (Katsuki, Suga & Kanno, 1962; Tasaki & Davis, 1955).

C. *Inhibition*

Inhibition of peripheral auditory units was observed early by Galambos & Davis (1944). The inhibition was observed when a second tone was introduced. Similar phenomena have been subsequently described in other experimental animals including amphybians (Nomoto, Suga & Katsuki, 1964; Tasaki & Davis, 1955; Frishkopf & Goldstein, 1963). The exact mechanism for this type of inhibition remains obscure. Inhibition by the olivo-cochlear bundle occurs 20 to 40 msec after electrical stimulation of the superior olivary nucleus (Desmedt, 1962; Fex, 1962); however, the inhibition seen by two tone interaction has a short latency period of 2 to 3 msec. Katsuki (1964), using monkeys, came to the conclusion that the inhibition seen during two-tone interaction was probably neural in nature; however, he could not actually determine the inhibiting cycle.

A similar type of inhibition was also seen in the mouse single units. Inhibition could be demonstrated in almost all type I units but rarely was it seen in type II units. Inhibiting frequencies were found to lie usually on both sides of the C.F. (Fig. 9) but sometimes only on the high or on

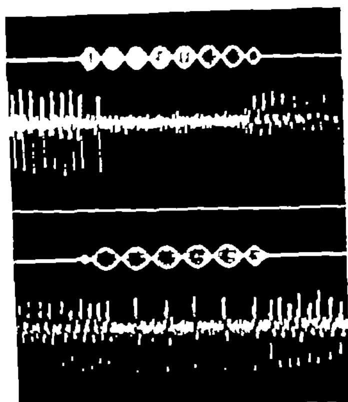


Fig. 11 (See text for planation.)

the l w frequency side The inhibiting frequencies on the high side of the (I did not overlap the response area of the unit, whereas the low fr quency inhibiting t nes usually did It was often observed that a low frequenc t ne to which the unit responded produced inhibition in the unit response to a high frequency wh n the tones were presented simultaneou ly Inhibiti n of the l w frequencies and pecially in regions bel w 2000 cps were difficult t d monstrat It should be mentioned that un t re ps nses in the m use rarely ext nded to frequencies below 2000 cps. Inhib ti n f pontaneous acti ity wa demon trated in those units that ld be dri en lso with sound The phen menon of cochlear interference I n estigated Thi phenomenon has been extensively studied by W ev r & Lawrence (1940 1941 1951) The suppres ion of cochlear potentials esembl ery much the inhibition bserved in ingle unit (Fig. 10) I t r le f thi int rference in unit inhibition i n t clear

Th p en menon f "d s-inhibition in i gle unit was in estigated. I t duct n f a third t ne introduced the f ctor of a difference tone wh h t lated the unit rather than "dis-inhibited" Next, two inhibiting f eque es w r selected with their frequen ies ery close to each other to produc beat tones These wer applied in bursts of 100 msec

long If the frequency of the beats was fast (the fundamentals being in hibitory frequencies) total inhibition was still observed in the unit However when the frequency of the beats was slowed down spikes could be seen tracking the interbeat intervals (Fig 11) Units could track inhibitory intervals up to 60 beats per second while when stimulated units could follow frequencies up to 200 beats per second This difference between the two types of beat tracking may suggest that a unit requires a longer period to recover from inhibition than to recover from its refractory state

DISCUSSION

The behaviour of single units from the cochlear nucleus in the mouse is very similar to those studied in other mammals Frequency tuning in a unit was best demonstrated by the low threshold of the unit at that particular frequency and its response to incr ed tonal stimulation This latter observation was most evident a few bels above threshold and was seen in only type I units At plateau le he type I unit discharged the same number of spikes to the different ncies meaning that the unit s response was not specific at high inten vels For a type II unit less specific response occurs at low threshol but the spike counts keep increasing with increased sound stimul hardly a plateau level occurs This linear response appears to conv quately the information of increased sound intensity

Lorente de Nó (1933) has studied in detail t hlear nuclei in the mouse and proposed several physiological possil One of these has been that large neurons situated in the deeper of the cochlear nuclei make multiple synapses and that these will higher thresholds of excitability than the smaller cells with fewer ses The present neurophysiological results, comparing threshold exci at various levels in the cochlear nuclei bear out his presumptions recently similar observations were also reported by Henneman, Somjer rpenter (1965) correlating cell size to excitability in spinal motor neur n their studies and those reported by others, it was shown that the thr f excitability was lower for the smaller spinal motor neurons both t logical and electrical stimulation

Inhibition (lateral inhibition) in peripheral auditory has often been a puzzling question It has been observed in alm ry species studied today and there is yet no clear conception as to its chani m The accumulated evidence points to a neural inhibitory taking place in the cochlea

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Es wurden Untersuchungen des Schnec mplex s mit Mikroelektroden durchgeführt Zwei Arter nt pe gefun den die in ihren Stimmkurven ihrer Schw chen

auf gesteigerten Tonanreiz verschieden waren. Die Ergebnisse zeigen, das ein Typ-I Neuron (unit) Auskunft gibt über die Häufigk it eines Tones und das Typ-II Neuron (unit) über lie Intensit t des anreizenden Tones. Hemmung durch Zweitonbeei fl ssung wurde in Typ-I Neuronen nachgewiesen. Versuche wurden gemacht um die Art der Hemmung in peripheralen Hörneuronen zu bestimmen. Hemmende „Interbeat tracking" durch Neuronen (unit) deutet auf einen neuralen Mechanismus zur Hemmung hin, die in periphalen Hörneuronen gesehen während Zweitonbeeinflussung, vorkommt.

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